

Commission on the Status of Women holds Job Faire in Capitol Park



Photo by Pamela Coffey

Representatives of the California Highway Patrol (one of several potential employers) turned out for the Job Faire.

Tabloid reveals how to tell if your son is gay

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- America's premiere humor publication, the "Weekly World News," in its Feb. 26 issue carried a story under the blazing headline, "How to tell if your son is gay!" offering parents a "seven-sign checklist" on how to spot "subtle signs of limp-wristed tendencies and make your boy into a he-man before it's too late."

The article is allegedly based on an interview with a British "sociology professor" named Norm Godwin who is reported to be the author of a "widely recognized" book by the unlikely title of "Helping Homos." Despite such apparent credentials, however, Godwin's name doesn't appear in either "Who's Who in British Education" or "Who's Who in Sociology," and the book's title does not appear in "Books in Print."

But if you don't get distracted by such minor details - or by the two other stories on the same page, "Man nabbed for cruelty to worms" and "Rooster kills four children" - the dubious professor Godwin's checklist might be worth checking out for your own peace of mind.

Clothing style is Godwin's first sign, and he warns parents to watch their sons' clothes for "feminine touches" such as "soft, clingy fabrics and pale, girlish colors." Reading is another signal, according to Godwin, who admits that "certain periodicals - like *Playboy*" are OK, but if he's reading things like *Gone With the Wind* he's probably tee-

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Suspect wanted

The Sacramento Police Department is looking for another suspect in the murder of Vincent Blade. The suspect is a white male in his late 30s or early 40s, 5'10" to 6'0", who drives a red mini blazer style 4x4 with a grey bottom. His name is thought to be Tom, and he frequents Faces. If you have any information regarding this suspect, contact Detective Keith Faust at the Sacramento Police Department, 449-5486.▼

Touch football in the mud

Recheal Brown of the Hittin' Misses attempts to break "tackle" by a member of the Sac Connection. Tournament is April 6.



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Capital gays/lesbians speak out on bashing

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- Gay leaders in the state capital spoke out about the "wilding" of police officers in Los Angeles last week in which 21 officers of the Los Angeles Police Department were involved in beating and making racial slurs regarding African-American, Rodney G. King. The assault on King, during which he was kicked, shot with taser darts and struck with batons between 53 and 56 times, left him with major injuries. The bones holding his right eye in its socket were broken, he had leg, arm and ankle injuries and 11 fractures at the base of his skull.

Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), was outraged by the beating. Noting that

members of the gay and lesbian community are often fearful of reporting police brutality -- especially since those reports only go to the police department itself, McBride said, "there are still an unusually large number of complaints from gays and lesbians against L.A.P.D.. We have to stand in protest with our brothers and sisters in the African-American and other people of color communities against this treatment at any time. To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King, 'An injustice against one of us is an injustice against all of us,'" McBride said.

Stan Hadden, legislative consultant to State Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, said, "The situation is absolutely outrageous. There have been at least 24 reported incidents of violence against gays and lesbians by the L.A.P.D. -- to say

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Violence against gays increasing in U.S.

Violence and victimization against gay men and lesbians was a "widespread and critical problem" in 1990, with key U.S. cities reporting dramatic increases in "gay bashings" and other incidents.

The sixth annual National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) report, Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization & Defamation in 1990, documents widespread and increasing anti-gay violence in six major cities across the nation and presents a shocking picture of the problem of bias crime against gay men and lesbians.

A total of 1,588 incidents -- including harassment, intimidation, physical assault, vandalism, arson, police abuse, and murder -- were reported to gay agencies in the six cities featured in the report: New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, the Boston area, and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Taken together, anti-gay episodes in all six cities increased 42 percent over incidents reported in 1989. Physical assaults were among the most serious incidents to increase.

"Widespread and growing anti-

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Sheldon: Lies to frighten

by Stan Hadden
OF MGW STAFF

With the introduction of gay employment discrimination and same-sex marriage proposals at the State Capitol, there has been a flurry of misleading articles about gay rights appearing in conservative publications. In a recent issue of *The Forum*, one writer suggests that pro-family advocates are gravely

concerned about homosexuals "attempting to force their lifestyle on the general populace through social acceptance and special privileges."

Steve Sheldon, the son of Traditional Values Coalition leader Lou Sheldon, has suggested that if AB 101, the gay discrimination bill, passes -- it would nullify local efforts to stop the "gay rights agenda." The group has issued a fact sheet

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Ribbon vs. Rainbow Flag?

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- Members of Sacramento's gay and lesbian community were amazed recently, to see the dome of the Capitol Building festooned with a gigantic yellow ribbon. Many were puzzled to see the ribbon after the controversy in October which saw the Rainbow Flag raised atop the Capitol in the early morning hours of Coming Out Day only to see it lowered a few

hours later by order of then Governor George Deukmejian.

Anne Garbeff, a press officer in the office of General Services said, "This (the yellow ribbon) is something totally different -- it's not a flag and it's not on the flagpole." When asked if similar bunting in national colors or in rainbow colors could be used to decorate the dome, Garbeff replied, "I imagine those requests would need to be individually looked at. I don't know how

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Does Sacramento want a gay pride parade?

Dear Editor:

On April 23 the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council will be discussing a motion which would:

1) Establish a Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade in June, 1992 and each year thereafter;

2) Would establish a fifteen (15) person steering committee to oversee the parade, appointed by the Council Moderator Rev. Freda Smith; and

3) Would establish the purposes of the Parade to be celebrational, educational and commemorative.

I believe that the triple purposes of the parade would help to celebrate the lesbian and gay communities as a wholesome, healthy, and affirmative segment of our society as a whole, one that contributes towards the general well-being of our society.

Please encourage your readership to meet on April 23 at the Lambda Community Center, 20th and L streets at 7:30pm. We would like to hear the perspective of all people who believe a parade is appropriate and would like to help as well as those who don't share this dream.

Respectfully yours,

Rand L. Sheriff-Laurent
Presiding Elder
Sacramento Family

The Restoration Church of Jesus Christ

What's a father to do?

Dear Editor:

What's a father to do when his son comes to him and announces that he is gay?

When he examines his past life in order to determine what he did as a father that "made" his son this way -- and he begins to doubt himself ...

When he goes into the closet and won't even talk about it -- he cries uncontrollable tears for the first time in his adult life and begins a mourning period for his son ...

When he believes all the lies about homosexuals that he hears, sees and reads, and laughs guardedly when he listens to the "fag jokes" being told in his office ...

When all he thinks about is his son in bed having sex with another man and ... AIDS ... and that his son was influenced or taught to be gay ...

When he feels "locked in" by his own guilt, ignorance, fear and hatred for anything to do with being gay and the pain becomes so unbearable ...

What's a father to do?

Learn, accept, understand, share, commit, respect, speak out and protect ...

It unquestionably all begins when a father announces for the first time at a P-FLAG meeting: "I have a gay son and I love him very much ..."

What's a father to do? ...
Love him -- that's what.

Sherman M. Krane
Vice President
P-FLAG of Northern New Jersey
(moving to Sacramento)

Vincent Blade scholarship fund?

Dear Editor:

As we are entering the 1990s we are about to wage war. There are many places where we have to fight and each of us who do not fight have in fact become a part of the cause of the problem. We as intelligent human beings have to examine our lives and the way we are living, then we must either remain the way we are, or we must change a part of us and a part of our world for the better.

I would like to see our world become a better place for all of us, but I do realize that Cinderella wasn't real. Hatred, unfortunately, is all too real and alive and well in Sacramento. Earlier this month a young man named Vincent Blade was killed in cold blood. The story of his life and of his death are both infinitely more important than the story of Cinderella. The lives of the people who he met will never be the same again. But unless we, the people of Sacramento do something and go the extra mile Cinderella's story shall go on, remembered by millions, Vincent Blade will be buried and forgotten. Then those animals in our society will be able to strike out again with their hatred because we are Hispanic, Black, Jewish, Gay/Lesbian and the list of hate continues senselessly. It is our responsibility to keep the name of Vincent Blade alive forever in the Sacramento area. It is our responsibility to help to educate our brothers and sisters about crimes of hate and to do our best to stop them.

There are many ways in which someone can be remembered. We could name a street or road after them and there are other ways as well.

I am calling upon the political leaders of Sacramento, especially Mayor Rudin and the City Council to establish a special scholarship account named after Vincent Blade.

I would like to see the interest from this account used to pay for books and/or tuition for the following:

First for members of the gay/lesbian community who are in need of education or training.

Second for members of society who have been victims of hate crimes and need retraining or educational assistance.

There should be a panel of three political and three community leaders to determine which applicants will be awarded the scholarship(s) and also in what amounts.

I am personally asking the members of the city government to do this and I am personally requesting the owners of all businesses to please make a donation to help establish this fund.

We must all fight against hate crimes or else we may become a victim of one ourselves. Let us all work together to create something good from the senseless death of Vincent Blade, help to keep his name alive in Sacramento forever.

Turtle

New hotline

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for all the wonderful coverage that *Mom Guess What* has given to the Lambda Letters Project. You are contributing greatly to the creation of an important grass roots effort here in Sacramento. Working together, we are taking control of our lives, and shaping a better world for ourselves and those who come after us.

Thank you, in particular, for the article on our new legislative hotline. Can you add this line and its phone number to *Mom Guess What's* Directory of Organizations? Anything you can manage will be great, and thanks again for all your support.

Love,

Boyce Hinman
Lambda Letters Project

Pakistani writes ...

Dear Editor:

I have come to know about your address from one of my gay friends. As you are well aware that Pakistan is an Islamic state, and as such, keeping homosexual relationships is punishable to death along with lashes. I shall be highly obliged to you for publishing the advertisement in your next issue.

"Young Asian, 35, 3", gay, well educated, seeks gay active lesbians/bisexual females of any age and race for relationship and as life partner. Hobbies include computer sex games, and leather products. Please send letter with photographs, and software/leather product choices, in neutral sealed cover to: Box Holder, Box 198, Islamabad 44790 Pakistan. Reply assured."

M.J.A.
Pakistan

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Corrections...

In the March 1st edition of *MGW* Harry Britt's phone number was printed incorrectly, it should have read 415-554-5145.▼

Photos on page 4 of *MGW's* March 15th issue were taken by San Francisco photographer Chloe Atkins.▼

EMPLOYMENT

Organizers of Gay Games IV seeking Executive Director Reporting directly to the Board and acting as liaison to all Gay Games IV committees and personnel. Responsibility for day to day operations including overseeing volunteers managing fundraising, public speaking. Experience coordinating large special events. top competitive salary.

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Street Patrol needs volunteers

by Nathan Shreve
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

The Street Patrol, a new volunteer organization, has been formed to help abolish the hate crimes that have plagued the gay and lesbian community. Based on a model that is being utilized in San Francisco, The Street Patrol will be convening on Friday and Saturday nights in the Lavendar Heights area (20th & K & L Streets).

The Street Patrol is attempting

to create a safer environment through community patrols and support. Steven Blakely, Street Patrol's coordinator, states that the patrols will not escalate violence, act as a vigilante squad, carry weapons, drugs or alcohol, or respond to crimes other than bashings. The patrols will, however, patrol near the Lambda Center and bars to discourage bashings before they happen and offer training in self-defense. Blakely stressed non-violent intervention, but physical intervention

would be instituted if the need arose.

The first meeting brought six volunteers; most have backgrounds in crisis prevention and counseling, but it was emphasized that all persons are encouraged to participate. Blakely's goal is to have two to three patrols with nine persons to a group. Persons interested in volunteering should contact Steven Blakely at 443-5905 or meet at The Chocolate Ripple, 1309 21st Street, at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.▼

FEC investigating Marlboro/Miller boycott groups in Helm election

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- ACT UP/San Francisco, one of two ACT UP groups in the City, is under investigation by the Federal Election Commission stemming from last year's boycott of Philip Morris-owned products, Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes, because of the parent corporation's financial support of U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

Late last month the FEC notified the San Francisco group, along with ACT UP/Washington D.C. and two Texas gay-rights organizations, that the federal election watchdog agency had "reason to believe" the groups had broken federal election laws in the senatorial race in North Carolina. ACT UP/SF, however, is claiming that FEC complaint is being used to harass the AIDS activist group. Crystal Mason of ACT UP/SF said, "We think the FEC is just on a fishing expedition. It's clearly

ridiculous. None of us vote in North Carolina, and we spent no money in North Carolina."

U.S. election laws require that any organization spending over \$1,000 to influence the outcome of a federal election must register as a "political committee," whether that is their primary function or not. FEC regulations also are unconcerned over where political committees are located or even in what state they spend funds.

However, in the ACT UP/SF investigation, the FEC has requested the group to provide it with information and documents concerning "all activities since its inception other than activities in any way connected to the ... boycott." According to Katherine Meyer, a Washington D.C. attorney representing the groups being investigated, the request constitutes a sweeping probe of the groups beyond their expenses and role in the boycott. "That's completely irrelevant to the investigation," she said.

"Lesbians and gays are already considered by many to be second-class citizens, and this investigation really constitutes harassment and intimidation and invades the group members' rights to privacy and association."

Meyer also said the FEC could use the boycott as a precedent to monitor the activities of other political groups entirely unrelated to federal election issues.

The four organizations have already given the FEC information about the Marlboro/Miller boycott. But according to Meyer, the groups are refusing to provide the FEC with other documents not related to the boycott itself. The FEC can, if it finds there have been violations of federal election laws, prosecute organizations and their officers, as well as bring criminal charges against group members who refuse to cooperate with the investigation for obstructing justice.▼

Deputies Cleared in Queer Nation Arrests

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- After two months of investigation the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department has found no evidence of harsh treatment of San Francisco's Queer Nation activists who disrupted Governor Pete Wilson's inaugural ceremonies.

San Francisco Supervisors and Mayor Art Agnos joined protestors calling for an investigation of the Sheriff's Department's handling of activists who signed depositions stating they were roughed up and called names while being booked in the Sacramento County Jail.

The internal affairs report, which Chief Deputy Valerian J. Kobza refused to make public, found no evidence of wrong doing on the part of either deputies or civilian staff. Kobza said the jail staff followed procedures mandated by state penal codes which require prisoners to be identified and separated based on sexual orientation and other classifications.

Dean Tuckerman, 38, a member of Queer Nation who has cerebral palsy was placed in an isolation cell

for eight hours. Tuckerman said that during the time he was in the cell he was taunted by people in the hallway calling him, "homo," and "faggot." When Tuckerman was released he saw the word "homo," printed on a paper attached to his cell door.

Kobza said Tuckerman was put in isolation for his own protection being as he is physically disabled and could not protect himself against attack in a holding cell. The paper with the labels "homo" and "muscular dystrophy" was put on the cell door by a prison inmate trustee so that deputies would know why he was in isolation. Kobza said he was sorry if Tuckerman was embarrassed or insulted. "That was not our intention," Kobza said. However, during a Sacramento Speaker's Bureau presentation to in-service officers of the Sheriff's department a deputy mentioned the incident and said it was just standard procedure to put that type of label on isolation cell containing gays.

Another protester, Derek Boyle, 20, who complained his head had been pushed into a wall was found to have been a "difficult" prisoner,

according to Kobza. "He was a recalcitrant, uncooperative, hostile prisoner," Kobza said. He found that deputies used appropriate force to make Boyle face a wall and spread his legs so that he could be searched for weapons.

Queer Nation attorney, Irwin Keller, in a deposition stated that sexual insults and innuendos were made to activists who were waiting in the jail lobby for their friends' release. According to Keller, activists were also told that they could only use the bathroom one at a time because deputies didn't want any perverted activity going on. Kobza said he was unable to "confirm or deny" that such statements had been made by deputies but that none of the deputies interviewed about the incident recalled any such remarks.

Protester Robin Wilson, 26, said she saw a female inmate being abused and Kobza said interviews with female inmates resulted in no complaints and no findings. Kobza would not identify the women inmates who were interviewed.▼

San Francisco lesbian/gay freedom day parade signs firm to coordinate travel

Convention Management Resources (CMR), a San Francisco-based convention and event housing company, has been selected by the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee to handle housing accommodations for the June 1991 parade.

For the first time ever, the San Francisco parade will be held on a different day than the New York and Los Angeles parades.

The agreement with CMR is significant in that it represents the first time the parade will be able to document the number of roomnights it brings to San Francisco, as well as the hotel room tax revenues it generates for the city. This is politically and economically meaningful for the parade in terms of its financial impact in a city where travel and tourism has become the number one industry in town.

The parade will be held on Sun-

day, June 30 and begins at the intersection of Spear and Market streets at 11am. The parade continues down Market Street to Civic Center Plaza where over 400 booths and 5 entertainment areas comprise the celebration that lasts until 6pm.

People planning to attend can secure hotel accommodations by calling the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day toll-free number 800-421-SF91.▼

editorial

Let's strive to unite

How prevalent is integrity in the Sacramento gay and lesbian community? What is integrity? One formal definition states that it is "an adherence to a code of moral values such as honesty and unity." For Sacramento's gay and lesbian community, is integrity the display of public criticism of other's efforts, both from individuals, and from high profile community organizations; is it having board of director members openly admit to misplacing or misappropriating funds; is it having so-called "upstanding" members of the gay and lesbian community openly and viciously name-call one another because they did not agree on where or when to have a certain meeting; is it a community where everyone is too busy with his or her own personal problems, wants or concerns to take the time to lend a hand, get involved organizations or even say hello? Only you can make the decision.

Nonetheless, wouldn't a gay and lesbian community, working as though one unity, serve the common goals and aspirations more appropriately? How about an entity where gay males, lesbians and gay organizations did not degrade one another. Instead, they would take equal interest in each others concerns, and they would actively participate in efforts to better the whole, not just one segment of the gay and lesbian population; the gay churches, the bars, the community centers and the support services would all work as a team to successfully reach common and beneficial goals, even if the organizations were in direct competition with one another, and the community members didn't publicly desecrate the works or efforts of others. This would be a community of integrity.

Maybe we should all take the time and evaluate our true intentions. Are the things we say (our judgments) and do benefiting or hurting our community? Could it be that we are so "busy" that we have lost sight of what we are trying to accomplish? Let's take the time to listen, appreciate people for their efforts and for what they have to say and offer, be honest with ourselves and others and carefully evaluate whether our actions are in the best interest of the community. Let's show that Sacramento's gay and lesbian community does have integrity. After all, if we all strive to unite, there isn't anything we cannot accomplish.▼

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happenings

Cathi Meyers named CAP/PAC dinner chair

Cathi Meyers has been named chairperson for the California Capital Political Action Committee's (CAP/PAC) third annual dinner.

This is Meyers' second year involved with the event. "The experience has been enlightening," she says. "Prior to working with CAP/PAC, I didn't know much about politics. Now I realize why we need groups like CAP/PAC to help elect government officials that are responsive to the gay community."

The third annual event, taking place at the Sacramento Community Convention Exhibition Hall, has, in the past, featured gay-themed theatrical performances as well as keynote speakers such as Bella Abzug and openly gay congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.). This year's event is also expected to attract more than two dozen elected officials including members of Congress, members of the State Legislature, judges, County Supervisors and Sacramento City Councilpersons.

CAP/PAC is Sacramento's bi-partisan, lesbian and gay political action committee. The organization supports the election of politicians who support gay issues. For ticket information, call Ted Ross at 739-8020.▼

Grant writing

"Become a Grants Warrior: Advanced Grantwriting Skills for the '90s" ... The Sacramento Women's Center presents this class for grant seekers to be held four consecutive Thursdays in April (4, 11, 18, and 25) from 6:30pm to 9pm at the Center, 2306 J St., #200.

Cost is \$115 per person. Registration must be received by March 28. Call 441-4207 for details.▼

Harrah's and "A Chorus Line" team up to help AIDS victims

Harrah's Casino Hotel, Lake Tahoe and the cast of *A Chorus Line* are joining hands in an effort to assist AIDS victims throughout the Lake Tahoe and northern California region.

The casino hotel and the cast members of the acclaimed musical are hosting a special 10pm benefit performance, Thursday, April 4. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

A Chorus Line was one of the first Broadway musicals to deal frankly with different lifestyles. Michael Bennett, the creator/director/choreographer of the multi award-winning play, died of an AIDS related cancer in 1987.

A Chorus Line is currently on an extended run through April 22, at Harrah's Tahoe. Reservations for the benefit performance are \$25, and can be made by calling 1-800-648-3773; 702-329-4422 (Reno area); or 702-588-6606 (Tahoe area).▼

Employment services and training

Women's Employment Services and Training is currently recruiting employers to provide on-the-job training for men and women re-entering the job market.

Employers who provide training are eligible to receive reimbursement of up to 50% of the trainee's salary during the training period.

WEST staff carefully screens the applicants to insure they meet the employer's minimum qualifications before being referred to an interview.

For information, contact the Sacramento Women's Center, WEST program at 441-4208.▼

Music Circus auditions

Sacramento Music Circus will hold open (Equity and non-Equity) auditions April 6 at the Eastern Star Temple, 2791 K St. Singers 18 and older are being sought for ensemble and supporting roles in the company's seven-show summer stock season. Additionally, boys 8 to 11 years old will be considered for the role of Winthrop in *The Music Man*.

Auditions will begin at 10am for adults and at 3pm for boys. Each performer should bring sheet music in his or her own key, preferably a ballad and an up-tempo number. An accompanist will be provided.

Auditions will be held later for dancers and additional children's roles. Music Circus actively solicits men and minorities for non-traditional casting opportunities. For information 446-5880.▼

Pedals for PAWS

Students from the University of California at Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of '93, is planning a half-century (50 mile) bike ride and Pedal for Paws through the lush Davis campus grounds on Saturday, April 6. The class is donating a portion of the proceeds to Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS).

PAWS is a volunteer-based organization committed to helping people with HIV and AIDS keep their pets and reduce the risk of zoonotic (animal to human) transmission. They offer emotional support to their clients as well as information regarding the benefits and potential risks of animal companionship.

The psycho-social benefits of animal companionship in establishing a sense of continuity, stability and unconditional love has clearly promoted better physical and emotional health among pet owners. PAWS strives to educate the public about these rewards and improve the quality of life for their clients.

To register and pedal for PAWS, call Amy Parker at 707-451-4861.▼

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Silently sick Asian-Americans with HIV

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- Nearly 5,000 Asian-American and Pacific Islanders here may be infected with HIV, unaware of their exposure because of the persistent myth that the epidemic doesn't affect Asians.

To date 188 Asian-Pacific Islanders in the City have been diagnosed with AIDS and the Gay Asian-Pacific Alliance (GAPA) and Health Department officials estimate that some 4,800 gay Asian and Pacific Islander men here are also infected with HIV, GAPA announced here at a Feb. 28 press conference. The organization had no estimates on the number of lesbian Asian and Pacific Islanders infected and the Health Department said they had not estimated the number of non-gay men infected. But GAPA pre-

vention coordinator Steve Lew noted that Health Department figures indicate that nearly seven percent of Asian-Americans diagnosed with AIDS here were infected through heterosexual intercourse, the highest rate of heterosexual transmission of any ethnic group in the City.

"The community has got to wake up to this problem," said Lori Lee of GAPA. "People have to go out and get tested and not wait until they're sick." Lee and Lew agreed that several factors contribute to the high infection rate, including the a continuing belief that Asians are immune from HIV infection.

Lew also noted that many Asian and Pacific Islanders in the City are not being reached by educational material on the epidemic because of language and cultural barriers. Many do not read any of the City's three gay newspapers or go

to gay bars where safe-sex and other AIDS information is widely available, he said. In addition, Lew said, because of a reluctance to discuss sex that prevails in many Asian cultures - particularly among the City's large Chinese population - most Asian-language newspapers carry little information about the epidemic and almost not that relates to gay men. Dr. Sophia Chang of the Health Department's AIDS office said, "Most Asian-Americans with HIV are silently sick and unaware of their coming illness or of the services available to help them."

Chang said there are six community organizations in the City aimed specifically at Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders with HIV infections and that all of them are being underused.▼

Hate crimes surge in San Francisco; lesbians increasingly targeted

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- In conjunction with a national report on anti-lesbian/gay violence throughout the country, Community United Against Violence (CUAV) here also released its annual report indicating an overall increase in hate crimes aimed at lesbians and gays by 28 percent over last year and 55 percent over the past four years here. The report also indicates that attacks against lesbians here are continuing to increase at twice the rate of increase of attacks on gay men.

CUAV and National Gay & Lesbian Task Force data released si-

multaneous on March 5, indicated San Francisco logged 425 reports of anti-lesbian/gay hate crimes in 1990, second only to New York which recorded 507 incidents last year. With a population of over 7 million people in New York compared with just over 700,000 in San Francisco, the number of attacks recorded last year here is proportionately much higher than anywhere else in the country. "Given the populations of the two cities," said CUAV executive director, "San Francisco should have recorded only about 50 or so incidents - or conversely New York should have recorded over 4,000 reports. The violence against our community here

is vastly out of proportion to the size of the City."

Equally alarming, CUAV said, is the alarming increase the agency has tracked for the past two years in attacks aimed at lesbians. Between 1987 and 1990, attacks against gay men have increased 63 percent here, while attacks aimed at lesbians have grown by over 125 percent.

Many of the attacks continue to occur in the City's largely gay Castro District, which constitute about a quarter of the reported incidents. The remained are scattered in several other areas with highly visible lesbian and gay populations, as well as throughout other areas of the City. ▼

Fundamentalists try to topple Pittsburgh gay rights law

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

PITTSBURGH, Penna. -- A group headed by religious fundamentalists has succeeded in gathering nearly 10,000 signatures to force the city's gay rights non-discrimination ordinance that was approved by the city council less than a year ago.

The group, called Citizens for Pittsburgh, filed just over 9,800 signatures with the Allegheny County Bureau of Elections Tuesday, Feb. 19, in its second petition

campaign to overturn the law. The group, headed by Jeff Henzler, a fundamentalist minister from nearby McKees Rocks, Penna., tried unsuccessfully last year to force the measure before voters in the November election. Henzler, in discussing the current campaign, said, "What's at stake is our children and society as we know it. Their [homosexuals'] tactics are nothing less than terrorism - terrorism in our government, in our school system." The anti-bias ordinance bars discrimination based on sexual orien-

tation in housing, employment and public accommodations.

Some 9,300 valid signatures are required for the initiative to go before voters in the May 21 primary, and election bureau personnel have not yet begun authenticating the signatures.

A coalition of lesbian/gay political and activist groups, called the Fairness Campaign, which successfully fended off last year's repeal attempt, has been re-formed to fight the current move.▼

San Francisco joins gay/lesbian military battle

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution that puts the legal resources of the City behind lesbian and gay military personnel who have served in the Persian Gulf War and are later dishonorably discharged because of their sexual orientation.

The resolution was introduced by Supervisor Bill Maher last month and received board approval on March 4. The resolution calls for the City Attorney's Office "to act as amicus curiae for San Francisco residents who are lesbian or gay, who serve in the military during Operation Desert Storm, and who

are dismissed from the military ... on the basis of their sexual orientation."

Maher said he hopes putting the City's legal resources behind court challenges to such dismissals will act to challenge the armed forces' discriminatory practices against lesbians and gays.

"If the military allows lesbians and gays to risk their lives on the front lines," Maher said, "they should not be able to kick them out in peacetime. This is a civil rights issue everyone can support. It is about equity and fairness."

The Maher resolution is critical of Pentagon policies discriminating against lesbians and gays in the armed services and points to the City's anti-discrimination laws to

justify putting the City Attorney's legal resources behind such cases.

"The United States military should not be willing to sacrifice the lives of members of the lesbian and gay community during time of war," the resolution states, "but be unwilling to offer them the honors and benefits of military service and military careers during peaceful times."

The resolution adds significant legal resources to the fight to end anti-lesbian/gay practices in the military and marks the first instance of any U.S. city joining that battle.

The City earlier this year declared itself a sanctuary for lesbians and gays seeking to escape legal persecution elsewhere in the country because of their sexual orientation.

New Legislation Bears Watching

by M.R. Richards
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Sacramento, CA -- A spate of new bills which will have a significant impact on medically dependent persons and activists have been introduced since the first of the year. These bills bear watching, as will some which will be introduced this month before the filing date closes.

* On Jan. 23 AB 302 was introduced by Assemblymember William Filante (R-San Rafael) which would amend Section 14120 of the Welfare and Institutions Code as it relates to Medi-Cal. Currently the law authorized the State Director of Health Services to reduce the reimbursement to providers who give care to patients on Medi-Cal if the director has reason to believe that the total cost of the Medi-Cal program will exceed available funds. This bill would repeal that authority of the director. This bill would take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

* Also on Jan. 23, SB 218 was introduced by Senator Gary Hart (D-Woodland Hills) and co-authored by Assemblymember Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara). The law currently states that journalists are immune from a judgement of contempt for failure to disclose a news source or any unpublished information gathered as news material. The law also states that a witness (presumably this includes newsmen) in a civil proceeding who disobeys a subpoena will forfeit to the aggrieved party \$500 and in a separate civil action could be liable to all damages or losses caused to the aggrieved party. SB 218 changes the law so that newsmen, who are exempt from contempt judgments would also be exempt from civil suits for liability.

* On Jan. 24 AB 311 was introduced by Assemblymember Gwen Moore (D-Los Angeles) and provides for employment discrimination remedies. Currently the Fair Employment and Housing Act, among other things, prohibits employers from engaging in unlawful employment practices, including discrimination against certain person in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. It also requires that if the commission finds that an employer or landlord has engaged in any unlawful practices, that the commission issue cease and desist orders and can order other action to be taken including but not limited to, the hiring, reinstatement, or upgrading of employees, as specified.

This bill, AB 311 would authorize the commission to order additional action including the payment of actual damages and affirmative or prospective relief to prevent the recurrence of unlawful practices. The bill would also make various legislative findings and declarations, including a finding that certain provisions of the bill authorizing the commission to impose compensatory and prospective remedies are declaratory of the existing law.

* Senate Bill 230 was introduced on Jan. 24 by Senator Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles). This bill would add Section 10968 to the Welfare and Institutions Code. Existing law provides for various forms of emergency assistance to persons in need of social services which are administered through county welfare departments. The law establishes procedures by which an applicant may have a fair hearing regarding the administration of those services.

SB 230 would establish procedures for an emergency fair hearing

when there has been a denial of certain types of emergency assistance or replacement of a lost or stolen check has been denied by the county and the applicant is without funds as a result and the administering state agency determines there exists a sufficient threat to the health and physical safety of the person involved to require the acceleration of the fair hearing procedure. The bill would also require counties to send requests for emergency fair hearings to the appropriate state agencies.

* Also introduced on Jan. 24 was AB 305 by Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D-Sherman Oaks). This bill would add section 12206 to the Welfare and Institutions Code relating to public social services. Under existing law the State Department of Social Services makes supplemental aid payments through State Supplementary Program (SSP) to persons who are eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or to those persons who would be eligible for the federal program except for their income. AB 305 would require the State Department of Social Services to adopt regulations establishing supplemental payments under the SSP program to residential care facilities which provide services for SSP recipients, for persons with chronic life-threatening illnesses. This bill would take effect immediately as an emergency statute.

These bills and others were selected for review by Stan Hadden special consultant to President Pro Tem, Senator David Robert's office. Hadden is the chief author and has oversight of most of the AIDS legislation which goes through the legislature.▼

CAP/PAC quarterly education forum ...

"Divide and conquer: How the lines are drawn"

Why on earth should the gay community care about reapportionment, that once-a-decade political event that few notice and even fewer understand? Practical answers will be presented on Monday, April 29, at the first of the CAP/PAC Foundation's 1991 Educational Forums at Andiamo's Restaurant on Folsom Blvd. in Sacramento. The panel of speakers, including political analyst Tom Hodson, consultant to legislative committee on reapportionment and San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, will offer a lively explanation of how redistricting works and why it has a critical impact on political minorities like the gay and lesbian community in Sacramento.

"This mysterious political process occurs only once every 10 years and has a lasting impact on our lives. It behooves us all to become familiar with it," said Anne Bersinger, CAP/PAC Foundation President.

The location of the April forum has been changed to the banquet room at Andiamo's. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30pm and the program will begin at 6pm. Tickets are available in advance for \$8 or at the door for \$10. Advance reservations can be made by mailing checks to CAP/PAC Foundation, 8507 Daimler Way, Sac. 95828.

The CAP/PAC Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization established to provide community education on political and social issues of importance to gay men and lesbians.

Future CAP/PAC Educational Foundation events include a forum on gay servicemen and women and a coming out forum to coincide with National Coming Out Day.▼

RCDC approves new budget

by Nathan Shreve
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

The River City Democratic Club presented their 1991 proposed budget for approval during the March general meeting.

Several members voiced concern over the budget's estimated revenues, as it represented an increase of 25 percent over last year's figures. After much discussion and a report from the fund-raising chair and the treasurer, the budget was approved.

Under the accepted plan, membership dues, fund raising and donations will compose the \$17,660

in estimated income. Whereas, proposed expenditures for fund raising, contributions, executive fees and operating expenses total \$12,132. Year end retainings are calculated to be roughly \$5,528, which may be utilized for unexpected, approved expenses or as carry over into the next fiscal year.

After discussions from several members and various amendments to primary and secondary motions, a vote was taken and the majority agreed to donate five hundred dollars to the Patti Mattingly campaign.

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Assemblyman Isenberg addresses RCDC

by Nathan Shreve
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

In his ever present gestural approach, Assemblyman Phil Isenberg addressed the members and guests of the River City Democratic Club (RCDC) in an informative, yet disarming, forum.

Assemblyman Isenberg noted in his opening comments that there is nothing wonderful for health care in the proposed state budget, and several reasons for this outlook are:

* Cyclical Problems: The current economic downturn has lowered state revenues and increased the number of people who need state assistance.

* Demographic Problems: During the 1990's, the number of school-age children will increase 23 percent, the number of elderly Californians will increase by 22 percent and the number of wage-earning taxpayers will increase less than 4 percent.

* Structural Problems: Spending and revenue limits are based on total population growth, not growth in age groups that need state services. There are spending guarantees for some programs at the expense of others, and there have been voter and legislatively approved tax reductions.

Isenberg stated that legislative analyst's are estimating that the budget gap for 1991-92 will fall about 20.6 percent or about \$9.9 billion short of needs. These figures do not take into consideration the cost of an increase in population, any cost-of-living allowances

or the implementation of any new programs.

Isenberg said that Wilson's budget proposal cuts all programs across the board by four percent, including monies that are now being used for AIDS programs. Isenberg jokingly proclaimed that he'd been accused of telling his friends, "you can't always get all you want, all of the time." This, however, is unfortunate when you are dealing with social welfare issues, including AIDS. On a more favorable health care note, Isenberg discussed the benefits of the California Major Risk Medical Insurance program (MRMIP), and he urged all those who are eligible to apply as soon as possible, as the system can only accommodate approximately ten thousand persons.

Isenberg also explained that Governor Pete Wilson has proposed raising state revenues by repealing sales tax exemptions on candy and snack foods as well as newspapers and periodicals. Wilson also proposes that the health care tax credit be delayed and tax withholdings be modified on independent contractors, estates and trusts, and lump sum settlements. These changes, coupled with \$345 million in miscellaneous revenues, are estimated to increase state revenues by \$1.1 billion.

In addition, Wilson proposed that county revenues could increase by \$94 billion with an increase in vehicle license fees and an increase in alcohol taxes. Also proposed is the idea of having the counties take state programs, including county

health services programs, local public health services and community mental health programs. This would result in a total transfer of \$.94 billion.

Isenberg claims that he is in favor of this transfer, as the California populous seems more likely to support local increases as opposed to state increases. Furthermore, a transfer of various programs would give communities increased control over the specific needs of that region. Isenberg stated that fundamental changes need to occur, but change is difficult, especially when the average voter in California is a 50 year old, caucasian female.

An audience member criticized Isenberg at the meeting for not responding to the recent murder of Vincent Blades. In his defense he stated that as a rule, he does not "dog chase" the media for publicity, but he was not insensitive or nonresponsive to the incident. He then later replied, "Maybe I should have jumped in and done something about it. I should have called and asked what's going on." Isenberg also went on to explain that we need to look at the larger social issue; not just at gays and lesbians, but to all that are "different". It was ultimately stressed that we all need to strive to change and emerge as a society that is more tolerant of one another.

For more information on MRMIP, write MRMIP, c/o Blue Cross of California, P.O. Box 6666, Oxnard, CA 93031-6666 or phone 800-333-0912.▼

Legislative hotline established

Lambda Letters announced the establishment of the Lambda Letters Legislation Hot Line, dial 916-394-3103 to hear a recorded message about current legislation or other situations relating to women's rights, lesbian and gay rights, and HIV disease/AIDS.

Callers will be encouraged to call their legislators or other officials in government or private enterprise about the issues discussed in the recording. To assist you in contacting your legislators, the project will soon send you the names, addresses and phone numbers of the legislators who represent you.▼

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AIDS Action Council launches grassroots lobby

AIDS Action Council, the national AIDS lobby, has launched a new, year-long project to develop a grassroots network of Americans concerned about AIDS. Dan Bross, Executive Director of AIDS Action, said, "The aim of the AIDS Action Network is to develop a quick-response citizen lobby to generate hundreds of phone calls and letters to federal officials as urgent policy issues arise. It will supplement the work of both professional lobbyists on Capitol Hill and AIDS activists in the streets. The Network can help the AIDS community win many of the tough battles ahead."

The AIDS Action Network will rely on existing local networks established by frontline AIDS service providers, and will facilitate the flow of information both to and from Washington. AIDS Action Council currently represents over 500 community-based AIDS service organizations, providing the foundation for the Network.▼

VIOLENCE

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gay attacks across this country are a form of domestic terrorism intended to drive us back into the isolation and self-hatred of the closet," said Kevin Berrill, director of the NGLTF Policy Institute Anti-Violence Project and report author. "In painstaking detail, this report make real the magnitude and terrible consequences of this crisis."

The 1990 report

This year's report differs from previous surveys in that it focuses on local trends in key U.S. cities instead of tallying anti-gay incidents documented nationwide. The report provides evidence of the wide scope of anti-gay violence and examines whether and how the problem changed in 1990 in comparison to 1989. The six cities were selected because of their professionally staffed agencies that monitor anti-gay violence and provide assistance to lesbian and gay crime survivors.

Activists, however, say reports from the key cities suggest attacks against gays are rising across the country. "Given that cities as geographically diverse as these are documenting consistent increases, it is likely that other U.S. urban areas -- and perhaps suburban and rural communities -- are experiencing a similar upswing," said Berrill.

Statistics

A total of 1,588 incidents were reported last year to agencies in the six cities. New York City recorded 507 incidents, the highest number of episodes, followed by San Francisco, 425; Los Angeles, 199; Chicago, 198; the Boston area, 147; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, 112. These incidents are believed to reflect only a fraction of the episodes that occurred in these cities last year.

Compared to 1989, reported anti-gay incidents increased in 1990 by 11 percent in Chicago; 20 percent in Los Angeles; 29 percent in San Francisco; 65 percent in New York City; 75 percent in the Boston area; and 133 percent in Minneapolis/St. Paul. On the average, episodes rose 42 percent in all six cities.

Physical assaults were among the most serious incidents to increase last year. Reports of beatings and other assaults rose by 14 percent in Chicago (88 incidents); 39 percent in San Francisco (230); 64 percent in the Boston area (69); 100 percent in Los Angeles (50); 114 percent in New York City (257); and 210 percent in Minneapolis/St. Paul (31).

Reports to local police also increased in the six cities last year. Although only 265 anti-gay crimes were reported to police, that figure is 70 percent higher than in 1989. Activists attribute the overall low reporting of incidents to police to victim apprehension about "coming out" and fear of police abuse.

The NGLTF Report includes prevalence studies of lesbian and gay victimization released in 1990 and early 1991 that support the conclusion that attacks upon gay people are alarmingly widespread. For example, 20 percent of lesbians and gay men surveyed in Massachusetts reported having been physically assaulted at least once in their lives because of their sexual orientation. Anti-gay assaults were also found to be widespread in studies conducted in Utah, Seattle, and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

"The rise in reported episodes reflects a variety of factors, including revised documentation methods and greater reporting by victims," said NGLTF's Berrill. "But a major factor is the violent backlash against increasing gay and lesbian visibility and activism that, paradoxically, also have helped reduce prejudice and foster greater acceptance for gays."

Berrill pointed out that anti-gay violence in 1990 occurred in a context of reported widespread attacks against Jews, women, and Arab-Americans and other people of color.

Examples of anti-gay hate crimes

A variety of anti-gay incidents were reported across the U.S. in 1990, including:
-- In an anti-gay attack July 2 in Queens, N.Y., a Latino gay man was bludgeoned and stabbed to death.
-- On May 12 in Seattle, members of a white supremacist group attempted to bomb a gay dance bar on a busy night.

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Medical ethics hotline offers controversial AIDS advice

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The Hebrew Academy here has launched what could be a highly controversial 800- telephone hotline to deal with ethical questions surrounding medical issues for the estimated 52,000 Jewish physicians in this country that has AIDS activists and medical ethicists concerned over the nature of the advice being given.

Hebrew Academy's Rabbi Pinchas Lipner said the 800- number would be addressing ethical issues raised by doctors from the perspective of the Judaic emphasis on "saving life, prolonging life." Lipner said AIDS is not the only medical issue the hotline expects to deal with, citing the growing debate over physicians who are confronted with "pulling the plug" an withholding life-support systems on comatose patients as another area of concern. Lipner said, as an example, that a physician treating an HIV-positive patient would be advised to break confidentiality and warn the patient's partner of the infection.

In another example, of a patient being treated for a non-HIV medical problem that the physician suspected might be complicated by an AIDS infection and in which the patient refused to allow the doctor to do a HIV blood test, Lipner at first said the physician would be justified in ignoring the patient's

wishes and ordering the blood test anyway.

"I would imagine that if the doctor feels this would help to heal the patient, then we would most likely say to the doctor, Yes, go ahead and do the test to save this person's life and lengthen his lifespan." Lipner later acknowledged, however, that he was unaware HIV blood testing without a patient's consent was illegal in California. "We would have to see in writing ... the law. I'm not familiar with the law specifically with this issue."

AIDS activists and physicians closely involved in treatment issues with the epidemic here were quick and unequivocal in their criticism of Lipner's responses.

Pierre Luddington, executive director of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights and a member of the San Francisco Health Commission, said, "It's not only medically unethical, it's socially unethical. He [Lipner] is breaking all the bounds of trust. We stand by and have stood by, particularly around HIV illness, the absolute, strict confidentiality between the patient and the doctor."

"The doctor is there to treat his or her patient," Luddington said. "The partner of the patient is not his concern. He can counsel his patient, he can cajole or beg. But he has no right - and it's ethically wrong - to assume that he's the person who should be transferring that infor-

mation." Luddington said he was surprised the Hebrew Academy was trying to promote such views among physicians. "Those are freshman ethics questions. I can't imagine that he [Lipner] would avow that a doctor should break his patient's confidentiality. A doctor has the obligation to protect the privacy of his or her patient first. And I can't find a reason that a doctor can perform partner notification without the permission of the patient."

He also expressed the hope that not many physicians would be using the Hebrew Academy's 800-telephone line for ethical advice on medical issues. Luddington said he understands the frustrations health-care workers often face in dealing with HIV illnesses, but insisted that physicians must not forget their overriding obligation to patient confidentiality. I know many, many people to this day," he said, "who have chosen not to be tested for HIV - gay, white, middle-class men. I can want in my heart, and in my intellect, and in my guts, for them to do that because I know that there's something they can do for themselves if they're positive. But all I can do is want for it, and I can express the fact that I would like them to do it. But that's their personal choice. That's as personal a choice as you can make." The number for the Hebrew Academy's ethics hotline is (800) 258-4427.▼

RAINBOW

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many of those things actually make a statement or what would fit in or would be symbolic."

In the past the dome has been occasionally lighted with green lights for St. Patrick's Day but according to several staffers this is the first time in their memories that the dome has been actually draped with ribbon or bunting.

"After all of the uproar because of the Rainbow Flag flying over the Capitol last year, I never expected to see anything up there again except the United States and the California flags," said Stan Hadden, longtime legislative consultant and staffer for Senate Pro Tem David Roberti. "I wonder if the person responsible for the display of the yellow ribbon are aware that among the first-class talent risking their lives in Operation Desert Storm are tens of thousands of lesbians and gay men -- and instead of open arms from President Bush and the rest of the country when they return home, these men and women face less than honorable discharges from the military because of the federal government's official policies of discrimination, bigotry and hate." Hadden said.▼

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-- In Worcester, Mass., a lesbian couple was the target of repeated acts of vandalism by a group of local teenagers, who wrote anti-lesbian graffiti on the victims' house and car, slashed tires and threatened to kill their dog.

-- Screaming "faggot" and "queer," four skinheads attacked two gay men with fists and bottles on August 20 in San Francisco.

-- On May 8 at Central Connecticut State College, students shouting anti-gay slurs attacked two gay men, kicking in the teeth of one of the victims.

-- In May the manager of a single room occupancy hotel in N.Y. harassed and assaulted a gay man with AIDS who lived there and said, "Fucking AIDS faggot, get out of this hotel."

Campaign to count and counter hate crimes

The nationwide Campaign to Count and Counter Hate Crimes marks the beginning of a new national strategy to foster a community-based response to hate violence. During the campaign, NGLTF will work with grassroots organizations to document hate crimes, educate gays on resisting violence, and advocate for strong public response to the problem.

The campaign will promote self-defense and street safety initiatives, law enforcement education, passage of hate crimes legislation, victim support and advocacy, and other measures.

Community & government action in 1990

On April 23, 1990, President Bush signed into law the Hate Crime Statistics Act, which requires the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to collect data on crimes based on

sexual orientation, race, religion, and ethnicity. The first federal law ever to include a sexual orientation provision, the bill was an historic victory for the nation's lesbian and gay community.

On the state and local levels, more laws to counteract anti-gay crimes were enacted in 1990 than in any previous year. Victories in Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Vermont brought to 12 the number of states (excluding D.C.) with laws that monitor or penalize crimes based on sexual orientation. Currently, bills addressing anti-gay crimes are pending in at least 10 states.

Fighting back against hate crimes - report recommendations

Police recommendations for action include:

- (1) adequate funding for implementation of the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act and other anti-hate crime measures;
- (2) passage of state and local laws to curb anti-gay violence and other bias crimes;
- (3) training programs for law enforcement personnel to ensure competent and sensitive handling of bias crimes; and
- (4) educational programs in the schools, churches, and wider community to counteract anti-gay prejudice and other forms of intolerance.▼

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AIDS vaccine study: From hope to hope

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

Jim Sechelski, a local gay men who is HIV negative, is one of 78 similar men nationwide who have volunteered for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) "GP 160" AIDS Vaccine Study. Several years ago, after having seen two other Sacramento men interviewed on the cable television program *Being Gay Today*, he became inspired to take part. He had been a contributor to *MGW*, but with his other commitments he found he did not have the time to give to activism. The knowledge that would

be of benefit to mankind that might be gained by participating in the NIAID research was his motivation. "I thought it was important and it was my first opportunity to do something," he shared modestly, "and the travel was attractive." He receives no payment.

A talented songwriter, quilter, runner, employed as a letter carrier, and member of the local Country-Western band Open Road, Sechelski at 35 is healthy and reports no side effects from the inoculations. The GP 160 is a protein produced through recombinant DNA technology, so it does not contain live or killed AIDS virus. It is hoped that

by developing an immune response to this protein one could neutralize the AIDS virus if exposed to it in the future. With the vaccine, he could "test" positive to the HIV antibody test, but not be positive with the virus (he would have to carry with him a card explaining he's not really positive). But since he still has not sero-converted to being antibody positive, he suspects he may be one of the volunteers receiving a placebo.

The study is confidential (the legal and social implications of being antibody positive for HIV are well known to *MGW* readers). Participants will continually carry the let-

ter and notarized Western blot analysis which should be sufficient evidence to anyone in the scientific community that the antibody response is the result of a vaccine and not naturally occurring infection. This makes no guarantee that others reviewing his data will do so scientifically, however, and this aspect of discrimination made Sech-

year, then four months on followed by two months off, and now it's down to every six months. The study was extended to two years and maybe to three years or more if no one gets sick from side effects. There is also a smaller, 20-person "GP 24" study for gay men who are HIV positive going on. the hope is that T-cells from immunized per-

HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox
MGW HIV EDITOR

HIV found in gay basher...

A married New York truck driver with three children, who says he's been impotent for the past 10 years and has spent the past six of those years beating up gay males, says he's contracted the AIDS virus from the blood of his victims. Although he says he drew substantial blood from them and had cuts on his hands, AIDS experts say there are only about three chances in a thousand to get HIV from a direct accidental needle stick with a syringe containing HIV-infected blood, and that chances of becoming infected from a cut are "substantially less risky" than that. More likely, experts say, he had engaged in unprotected sex or intravenous drug use to which he has not admitted. "Someone this violent and this full of hate is simply not trustworthy, and his word can't be relied upon," said one activist.

Underground DDC...

Are people getting life-threatening pancreatitis and perhaps dying from the "underground version" of DDC being purchased by people with AIDS who are becoming desperate waiting for FDA approval of the true DDC? With what chemicals or other ingredients are these copies being produced? Confusion is now being generated over DDC's side effects, partially because of the different versions of the drug that are around. Pancreatitis is said to NOT be a side effect of the true DDC, yet there are reports of people taking "DDC" who have these side effects, perhaps attributable to buyer's club versions. Until this can be clarified, BE CAREFUL of what you're

taking if it hasn't been given to you by your physician and if you're not being tested consistently and OFTEN for possible pancreatitis side effects. More on this subject later ...

Outlook for babies upgraded...

London scientists report that the percentage of babies getting HIV from their mothers may be lower than previously thought. They say a study of babies for 18 months showed that only 13 percent born to infected European women became infected. It was previously thought that as many as 30 percent would become positive. The study indicated that the disease is probably passed on in the womb, not during delivery.

Vaccine on the way?...

After looking at the research being done on HIV vaccines, the National Institutes of Health says it sees "considerable cause of optimism, although many scientific obstacles remain to be overcome." Vaccine researchers are urging a shift in funding toward more vaccine research.

Fear of AIDS leading to violence?...

A 42 percent increase in anti-gay violence and harassment in San Francisco and five other large U.S. cities is due in part to the fear of AIDS, according to a survey by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

Emergency relief for PWAs...

Funding is now being planned for the PAARC Emergency fund for people with AIDS in Sacramento,

created by Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities (PAARC). The program will be administered by PAARC through the Lambda Community Center, and will supplement other programs in the city with their assistance limits are reached. Thousands of dollars are needed to get this program underway so that PWAs this winter won't have to do what they've been doing for past years -- having to choose between their utilities, OR their groceries, OR their medicine as they try to scrape by on tiny disability checks. Thanks go to those who attended the recent Camp Awards at Joseph's whose generous tips to the PAARC Cloggers will go directly into the fund. don't miss the fund-raisers and collections that will soon begin for the Emergency Fund, with hopes that it can be operational by this winter. Direct tax-deductible donations can be mailed to "PAARC Emergency Fund: c/o Lambda Community Center at Box 163654, Sac. 95816.

PSSN newsletter...

Don't miss the full HIV Resources Guide and other invaluable information in the new Positive Social Support Newsdigest, and stay tuned for information on the now-famous PSSN pool parties that will start again as soon as the weather warms up.

HIV update...

And don't miss Dr. Neil Flynn's talk on HIV this Wednesday, April 3 from 7-9pm on the second floor of the AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St. This disease and its treatments change so fast, you'll certainly get a lot out of this talk.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continuing contributions to its content.▼



Jim Sechelski

elski's parents adamant about his decision. He cited the "lives of drug trials are longer than the lives of people," informed his Postmaster, and proceeded with his plans.

He has to fly to Washington, D.C. for the inoculations. He received weekly inoculations for the first six weeks, then monthly ones for a

sons will kill HIV-infected cells in vitro (antibody cytotoxicity results have been variable) and that the vaccine may keep HIV positive persons from developing full-blown AIDs. Much more research is needed.

It is a disgrace that, because of

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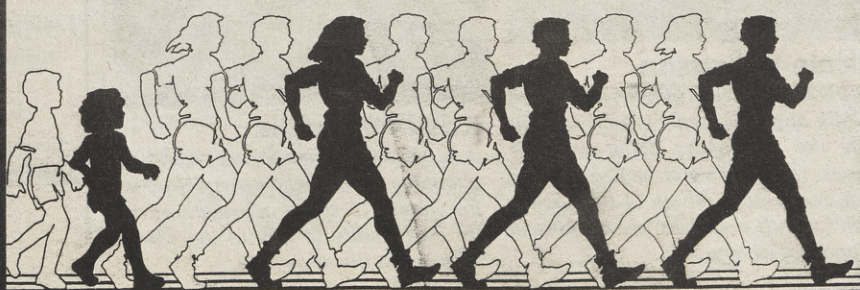
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news clips

by Walter Gorksi
NEWSCLIP EDITOR

New leaders receive awards

The Cable Car Award has been given to newly elected San Francisco supervisors Carol Migden and Roberta Achtenberg. School board member Tom Ammiano and Superior Court Judge Donna Hitches were the recipients of the Harvey Milk Community Service Award.

India's first national gay meeting called

A New newsletter called "Paz y Liberacion" is available. For more info write: Box 66450 Houston, TX 77266.

Boycott announced

The Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance is announcing a boycott of Crackerbarrel restaurants, a major chain of "familystyle" eateries for firing gay employees, "for sexual preference failed to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." A mailgram to protest company's homophobia by calling Western Union, 1-800-325-6000, ID #9823. Cost is \$7.

Florida gay adoption ban dumped

A legacy of Anita Bryant days, a ban on gays adopting children in Florida was ruled unconstitutional

by a circuit court judge. A Key West judge stated that this policy violated privacy and denied equal protection under the law. Only New Hampshire has a similar law on the books.

-Sacramento Bee

Small steps for big bill

The California Labor and Employment Committee passed on the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee a bill, AB101 that would outlaw job and housing discrimination for gays and lesbians. Minority fundamentalist ministers banded together to oppose the bill offering the testimony that lesbians and gays are not a minority group and that the minorities themselves were.

-Sacramento Bee

Venus of my dreams

The U.S. Geological Survey mapping the surface of the planet Venus recommended naming a crater after Gertrude Stein, the famous lesbian writer. Already named are craters Sapho, Emily Dickinson, and Willa Caber.

-Washington Blade

World Health Organization ... Gay OK

The latest edition of on the International Classification of Diseases will not have a listing of homosexuality as a disease. The last edition used by hospitals, insurance carriers and governments was

published in 1972. Lobbying for the change began soon after. The World Health Organization now joins both the American Psychological Association and Psychiatric Association in not classifying homosexuality as a mental disorder.

-Sacramento Bee

Coors sees the light

The San Francisco Gay Softball League has announced they have accepted \$1000 donation from the Coors Brewing Company to sponsor the GFL's Memorial Day Tournament. Coors has supported ultra-conservative politicians and causes in the past. Questions are being raised as to the beer company's motives.

-San Francisco Sentinel

Hongisto to challenge Agnos for S.F. mayor

City assessor and former supervisor and sheriff Richard Hongisto is being encouraged by some lesbians and gays to challenge current mayor, Art Agnos. Agnos has been criticized for his minority commitment appointments and blunted campaign promises.

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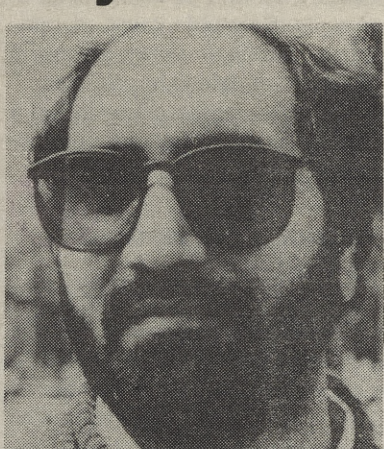
Q & A

What does Women's History Month mean to you? Photos by Pamela Coffey



Faye Kennedy

Women's history month to me means celebrating women across all color lines; all class lines; celebrating our accomplishments; celebrating our past; celebrating our present; and moving toward our future.



Avtar Bining

It is a wonderful idea in which so much information about women and the history will be available to more people and they will become aware of all of the important issues which have happened and which will need to be taken care of in the future.



Carlos Miro

Now that I am the father of a daughter, I am a born again feminist.



Nicole Wilkerson

This is an opportunity finally for women to talk about women's issues; to educate the community about women's issues; to let our voice be heard being that every other month of the year is men's month, and so we are out here in support of women.



Kristiana Vidua

It is an annual time for us to find out about the women who came before us; for women to share information; and an opportunity to talk to the women who are in the news now.

Note: Cara Keefer and Ted Jimenez also participated in the question and answer interview process. However, due to technical difficulties with the recording equipment, their quotes were not recorded. ▼

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media watch

by Ben Carlson
OF GLAAD/SFBA

Good Times had by all...

Good Times, a free weekly in Santa Cruz, included an interview with the local MCC pastor in an article on "diverse religious leaders." It also reported on efforts to establish a commission on concerns about police behavior, including the gay angle. Kudos to: Carol Arkinson, publisher and Paula Munier Lee, Editor, *Good Times*, Box 1885, Santa Cruz 95061.

Uniform news...

The *San Francisco Chronicle* broke the story of "gays in the gulf" -- that homosexuals would be used only as long as they were needed. Then there would be administrative discharges; getting kicked out! Thank: Editor, The Chronicle, 901 Mission St., S.F. 94103.

The *New York Times* points out that an easy way to avoid the draft is to claim to be gay. As recently as the Vietnam era, having a deferment because of homosexuality could damage one's future. Today it will, at worst, get you a guest shot on *Geraldo*. This means that enforcing a draft will be virtually impossible. Encourage the *Times* to do more positive coverage of our issues: Editor, The Times, 229 W. 43rd St., N.Y., N.Y. 10036.

It's a glamorous life...

Glamour recently covered the child-custody battle of two gay women. It follows the "fairly conventional" relationship; dating, living together, property acquisition, children. Encourage the magazine along these lines: *Glamour*, 350 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017.

Television generation...

Wings brought out RJ, a 17-year-old boy, as gay and while the process was somewhat trivialized and character reactions were stereotypical and silly (they only have a half hour), most of the jokes weren't at RJ's expense. To see more of RJ's character, write: Dave Hackel and Roy Doyle, producers, and Peter Casey and David Lee, writers, Grub St. Productions, Paramount Studios, 5555 Melrose Ave., L.A. 90038.

Job insecurity...

When Vic Eliason, a Christian fundamentalist broadcaster was contacted by Julie Brienza, a UPI reporter researching a freelance article for the *Washington Blade*, about his efforts to defeat a proposed Wisconsin Gay Rights law, he told his radio listeners to jam UPI's phone lines as part of a cam-

paigned to have her fired.

Violations of UPI's freelance rules like Brienza's are relatively minor, often condoned by supervisors and don't warrant dismissal on a first offense. Eliason's phone pressure seemed to have a bearing on UPI's action. Express concerns to Dr. Earl W. Blain, chairman and CEO United Press International, 1400 Eye St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Examine closely...

San Francisco Examiner columnist Rob Morse tried to take peace activists to task, but ended up only taking exception to "ACT-UP types." He never makes a clear connection between anti-war demonstrators and sexuality.

Another article by Peter McGill refers to Japanese porno comic strips as "packed with ... sexual intercourse, lesbian acts and sadistic rape." Mr. McGill needs to be educated that lesbian is more than just sex. Complaints can be registered to Editor, The Examiner, 110 5th St., S.F. 94103.

Names in the news...

The *Nevada Appeal*, in reporting on a Macy's type surveillance investigation of park restrooms in two Carson city parks, listed the names, addresses and occupations of the 12 area residents charged, even though they don't usually run them for other misdemeanor cases. They emphasized two who were educators even though no children were involved or approached. Following the publicity, some of those charged moved, divorced and lost their jobs. One committed suicide. Chastize the Editor, The Nevada Appeal, Box 2288, Carson City, NV 89702.

Television generalization...

Chris Wallace, on *Prime Time Live*, concentrated negatively on homosexuality when reporting on a Christian Fellowship Church pastor's seduction of young male followers. He was more worried about the religious views of gays as opposed to its views on Clergy/Lay-person relations or extramarital sex. Tell him to get real: Chris Wallace, Executive Rick Kaplan and Producer Mark Lukasiwicz, *Prime Time Live*, ABC News, 47 W. 66th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10023.

Connie Chung took a simplistic view to HIV testing as innocent/hetro/family-loving rape victim versus selfish/insensitive gay activists. Throughout the segment, Chung presented the "gay" perspective as one uniform, monolithic position: Anti-testing. The views of only one gay activist was presented and no AIDS activist or medical expert was interviewed. Testing one perform for HIV cannot determine the status of another. Request that Connie do better than questionable and incomplete courage at: *Face to Face with Connie Chung*, CBS, 524 W. 57th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10019.

Non-date makers...

Date-Makers, a national "personal ad" agency based in Ohio will not accept personal ads for gay relationships because they may be "offensive to the general public."

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Image...

Image Magazine (the insert in the March 10 Sunday *Examiner & Chronicle*) lit up its cover with Lesbian Supervisors Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg. The feature article "Painting the Town Lavender" gave an overview of the local lesbian community creating visibility and diversity in its article. A variety of women were interviewed and some hot topics were covered. Send praise to Editor, Image, San Francisco Examiner, 110 5th St., S.F. 94103.

Working mother...

Working Mother Magazine failed to devote any of its pages to lesbian or bisexual mothers. Though it encouraged its readers to campaign against sexism in children's cartoons with an article entitled "Sexism in Cartoonland," it seems to have forgotten about the heterosexism that exists within its own magazine. Write to the editors of *Working Mother*, 230 Park Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10169.

The kiss! The kiss! The kiss!

Those viewers still sweating from the kiss on *L.A. Law* between C.J. Lamb and Abby Perkins, can cool down a bit. An NBC spokeswoman says, "We were not attempting to create a lesbian character in the episode. It was more of an attempt to add texture to C.J.'s character." David Kelly, the show's executive producer says, "I think the next time you see C.J. Lamb in a sexual situation, it will be with a man." Express your disappointment to David Kelly, Executive Producer, *L.A. Law*, Twentieth Century Fox Television, Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.


Jeers to Cheers...

On a recent episode of *Cheers*, bartender Sam Malone kissed another man to convince an unwanted woman suitor that he was gay. The man Sam kissed slugged him! This relayed the message that violence is a normal response to same-sex affection. Sam was also depicted as believing he got what he deserved. Write to Les and Glen Charles and James Burrows, Executive Producers, *Cheers*, Charles/Burrows/Charles Productions, c/o Paramount Television, 5555 Melrose Ave., L.A. 90038.

Molly Dodd...

Hats off to *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd* for portraying an African-American lesbian in a positive, successful, human role in its March 2 episode. The woman, Sidonee, was portrayed as the Head of the World Health Organization in the U.N. in a successful long term relationship with another woman, which also included the task of parenting. Sidonee tactfully sidestepped bigoted assumptions from Molly's mother, Mrs. Bickford, adding humor and dignity to the episode. Congratulate Lifetime Cable Network, 36-12 35th Ave., Astoria, N.Y. 11106.

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LIES

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where they describe the bill as "special rights for homosexuals."

Lou Sheldon has stated that passage of AB 167, the same-sex marriage bill by Assemblyman John Burton (D-San Francisco) would destroy "the foundation of present and future families." Defeat of these bills is possible if there is aggressive lobbying against them. Rev. Sheldon is urging people to pray about these measures, and to write letters to state legislators as well as to Governor Wilson.

Most homosexual or bisexual people, and their families and friends, know that discrimination happens. California needs non-discrimination laws protecting employment and housing rights. We must all do our part by writing letters, making phone calls and visiting elected officials to express support for these matters which affect us.

The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) sponsored AB 101, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in both employment and housing. The author of the bill is Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles).

AB 101 is a 28-page bill which amends the existing Fair Employment and Housing Act by adding the words "sexual orientation" in several places. Similar legislation was vetoed in 1984 by Governor Deukmejian. Gay activists and advocates are hopeful that AB 101 will be approved by the Legislature and that Governor Wilson will sign it into law. The LIFE Lobby has been working with the Governor's office, where interest has been

expressed in the Governor having input during the drafting of the bill.

Without AB 101, there is no legal recourse for employment discrimination against our community except for local ordinances which have been enacted in some California cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Riverside, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Barbara and San Diego. This bill would provide statewide protection. In early March, U.S. Senator Alan Cranston introduced a bill which would provide similar protections at the federal level.

If enacted, AB 101 may face a 1992 statewide ballot initiative to repeal it. The religious right wing, which opposes gay rights, has already indicated a willingness to put the subject before California voters. Rev. Lou Sheldon has declared AB 101 the "line of demarcation" and the "battle of the decade if not the century." Sheldon is currently assisting in a petition drive to put a measure on the ballot which would repeal the three-year-old non-discrimination law in Riverside, California.

In being open and telling the truth about our sexual orientation, our community simply asks our families and friends to love us the way we are. This is frightening to some people. In a special report on "the homosexual agenda," Sheldon suggests, "Through shock and intimidation, homosexuals employ the Ivan Pavlov principle of psychological warfare. This is done by wearing down an individual's values of right and wrong, so much, that they become confused." Sheldon apparently believes that America is going to hell because of people's "inability to resist" such psychological indoctrination.

Sheldon insists that he does not wish to inflame discrimination or hatred. "Our purpose," he says, "is to educate the public regarding the politicizing of the homosexual agenda." His groups supports "reparative therapy" and counseling for those desiring to leave the gay lifestyle.

In the "Focus on the Family" publication, a recent article entitled "What Homosexuals Need Most" suggested most homosexuals never heard of a way out. They need to know "ex-gay" ministries around the country can offer help. Dr. James Dobson counsels parents to prevent homosexuality in their children by strengthening their home life -- saying homosexuality is "less likely" to occur in a loving home.

What can you do to support AB 101? Write letters and visit the offices of local Senate and Assembly representatives. Help secure endorsements for the bill from the City Council, Board of Supervisors, business and religious leaders. Document cases of discrimination which may have happened to you, and write letters to the editor of mainstream newspapers.

The conservative right has developed all sorts of frightening and misleading ideas about AB 101 in particular, and about our lives in general. In reality, AB 101 is simply an effort to ensure equal treatment under the law for all Californians, regardless of their sexual orientation.

You know that discrimination happens today in California. Write those letters, make those calls, and tell your story.

You can also volunteer with the LIFE Lobby Office 916-444-0424. LIFE is a Sacramento-based gay and lesbian political lobbying or-

ganization. The River City Democratic Club and the Capital Political Action Committee are two of LIFE's sponsors. Each group contributes at least \$1,100 per year to help offset LIFE's personnel and office expenses.

Stan Hadden is consultant to State Senator David Roberti (D-Los Angeles). He is also a busy volunteer, acting as Legislative Chair of the River City Democratic Club, serving on several other local boards and committees, and working as a Field Associate for the Washington D.C. based Human Rights Campaign Fund.▼

TABLOID

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tiring on the verge of homosexuality."

A son's friends, of course, should also be checked out closely, Godwin says, and vigilant parents should be wary if their son brings home "buddies" who wear earrings, tight t-shirts or heavy, musky perfumes. Another sign a son is "running with a homo crowd," according to Godwin is if he's hanging around with "flight attendants and people like that."

A son's hobbies and musical tastes are also sure giveaways in the

Godwin "seven-signs" system. Sports like football and hockey are "red-blooded" but beware if your boy's interests happen to be fencing or ice-skating - and if the lad takes up "hobbies like knitting or flower-arranging, he needs help -quick." Rock music and country-western are safe, but beware if your darling boy like classical music - particularly any recordings by Liberace. Avoiding dating (presumably Godwin means dating girls) is also a bad sign and because "real guys are can-do people" excessive daydreaming could also mean you're rearing a baby gay-boy in your own house.

But, Godwin reassures readers, even if your little lambkins shows some - or even all - these signs, "don't despair." Changing Junior's sexual orientation and saving him from a "strange love life and a future as a hairdresser" is a simple matter of "getting the boy into some red-blooded sports program." Voila! Instant red-blood, butch, badly dressed, illiterate - and probably neurotic - gay adult man or prospective suicidal closet case. Nothing could be simpler.▼

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flash

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

(For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.)

HOPEFUL When faced with any type of crisis, the gay community rallies together. Life in the political arena and in general is scary lately. Productive measures are making a difference. Dedicated individuals and organizations are tackling the problems with uncompromising sincerity. Please do your part to make a difference. In similar news, our community and its friends know how to put pen to paper on a variety of concerns. Commenting on *Sacramento Bee* articles, many letters were printed in the "Letters from the People" section of the paper last week. *The Sacramento News & Review* has also been reporting on community issues. Momentum is building as the **AIDS WALK Sacramento** approaches June 1. It is gratifying to see the list of

celebrates its eighth birthday with a big bash on April 6. come out to **Faces** a 5:30 in the evening and support an organization that deserves your attention. Here's to another 80! years. **Rebecca Gregg** has won the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education. Community College Chancellor **David Mertes** will present the award for outstanding achievement to Gregg and two other instructors. **Dr. Joanne Marrow** was been selected as a speaker to the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta. If you have always wanted to be more comfortable on the dance floor, now may be your last chance before summer. My next **Ballroom and Western Dance** mini-course begins April 8. It will undoubtedly change your whole outlook on dancing. **The Positive Social Support Newsletter** (PSSN) is a rare publication filled with a wealth of information on HIV. **Sheila Enders** and **Judy Ludwick** are now the co-editors. **Arturo Jackson** will



Photo by Sonya Cox

Robby Becker in his clam shell.

corporate sponsors. If you have never participated in a walk-a-thon or its been a while, now is the time to strut your stuff. Call 552-6767 to pick up a pledge form. The annual Summer Ball gives all year long. **Marty Martinez** and **Robert Hodge** recently presented an \$8000 check to the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF)** from fundraisers. Work is underway by these two men and scores of other volunteers to insure a successful **Summer Ball 1991**. The **River City Democratic Club (RCDC)**

continue to serve on the Editorial Board. Best wishes on this vital resource. SAF's Healthy Living Series continues with Healthwatch: Update on HIV Treatments with **Neil Flynn, M.D.** on April 3. Dr. Flynn was recently honored by *Sacramento Magazine* for his community work. He was cited for gaining international recognition for AIDS research. The upcoming presentation is one not to miss. **The Lambda Players** are getting a great deal of attention lately. Growing at a rapid pace, they



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Gene Hoisington and Summer

move into a new production and a new space in mid-April. A "boy meets boy" version of *The Fantasticks* is bound to be a sell out. To make this all happen they need your help. Call to find out what you can do. Voting for **Emperor and Empress** is just around the corner. The official polling place is the **Lambda Community Center**. Vote (with proof of residency) on Saturday, April 13. Check **Hal Griffith's** "Court Report" in *MGW* for all the details. Belated birthday wishes to adorable (so I'm told) **Mark Viviano**. Happy April birthdays to **Cisco Ortiz**, **Terri Planiden**, **Norman Lorenz**, **Judy Ludwick**, **Rosemary Mettrailer**, **Zana Blazer**. Yours truly is also celebrating a birthday in April. Cards and gifts will be accepted before and during (and after) the third week of the month. Maybe this is the year door attendants will stop asking me for identification at "over 21" events and establishments. Finally I've also got a bridge to sell! Scanning the bar scene is always a fun part of my job. Over at the **Wreck Room**, Mr. **Leather Sacramento**, **Randy Gray** is putting together a leather and art benefit auction. Former Ms.

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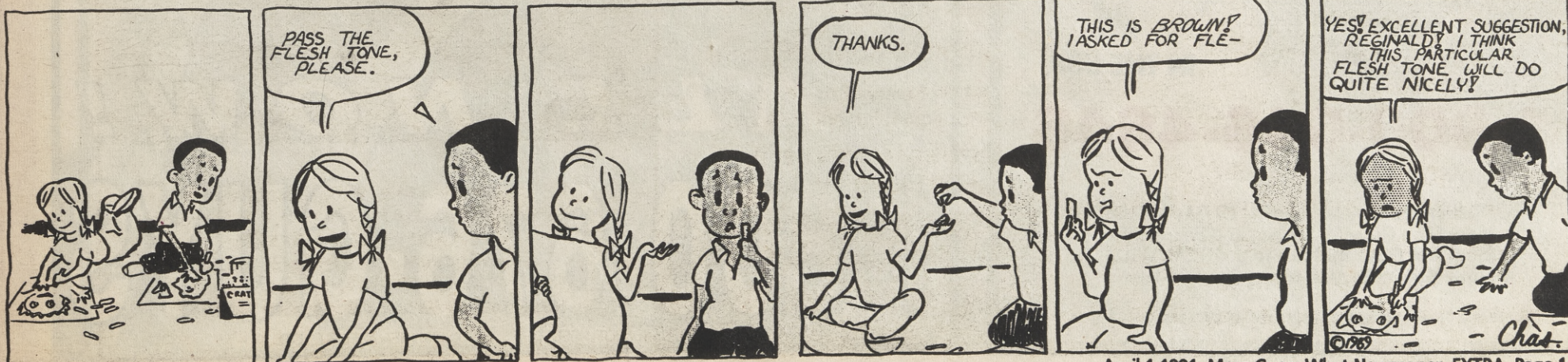
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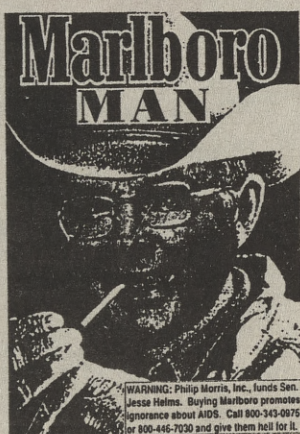
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Safe sexuality

As everyone, the Empress was shocked and saddened by the violent death of Vinnie Blades. As if we weren't fighting hard enough, we have to face the painful injustice of prejudice. One hate crime is too many, this one is too much. Vannah went to the memorial service at MCC and was a little dismayed by some of the reactions. The Empress doubts that reacting to violence with violence is the answer.

Now that we practice safe sex, let's practice safe sexuality. Education and common sense are the keys for preventing a repeat of this atrocity. Walk in groups, bullies never act unless they greatly outnumber the victims. Don't react to homophobic remarks, your calm nonreaction will take all the fun out of the taunts. Don't chase after someone, they may be leading you into a trap. As always, try to keep your wits about you and if you do experience a hate crime, be brave enough to report it.

Imperial stand-in

While the Empress was unavailable for about 10 days due to a nasty flu bug, she was able to use her Imperial Crown Prince, KC, as a stand-in. He went to Stockton to judge their Closet Ball. Both he and Large Marge report a wonderful time in the empire to our south.

Visiting artists at Joseph's

The Empress was at Joseph's for the Ducats show with guest star Bobbie Calicote. Having been an entertainer for over 25 years, Bobbie brought great fun and excitement to the show. Besides guesting for the Ducats, Bobbie also did one-man shows on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon that were fabulous. This is another shining example of Joseph's bringing excellent entertainment to the showroom.

Regal return at Our Place

Vannah, KC and his brother Ray also stopped in at the new bar in town, Our Place. The party was again treated royally by everyone there. It seems that every time, she returns to it, the crowd is friendly and warm to the Empress' presence. Vannah recommends that everyone stop by to sample some great hospitality.

An awful queen and other candidates

The big day was finally here and all were abuzz about winter's big event: "La Cage Awful." The evening was a magical event for many people. The contestants for the Awfullest Queen in the Capitol were

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Cloggers unite

Sonya Cox and Chuck Kitlinger of Park Cloggers hoof it up at the Camp Awards.

FLASH

Continued from page 13
Leather Sacramento, Kim Wallace is also contributing to the auction. It all happens April 5 at the ripe hour of 10pm In other art news, the Town House continues its display of work by renowned artist Dexter Smith. Smith's incorporation of neon is breathtaking Faces is the place for the Country Western Beer-Soda Bust to benefit Hope House. Some may even wish to call the April 7 event from 3-7pm a tea dance. Whatever the name, don't miss it Answers sometimes come slowly. Ages ago I wondered why the Mercantile House Saloon was filled with movie posters. After many months (and maybe even a year) the answer has filtered back to

me. Apparently the whole shebang was an AIDS benefit and the posters were provided by Films for Days. Films for Days has been a constant friend of the community and the only video store where yours truly has been a member for over six years. Now you know the rest of the story Joseph's Town & Country (JTC) is gearing up for a big bash to celebrate its third anniversary. And don't forget, their Sunday brunch is the best deal in town The Buffalo Club (The Buff) keeps them hopping in a friendly neighborhood way. Wednesday is the special mid-week "Ladies Nite" • At the other end of town Our Place recently started Beer Bust Sundays with country music. Come on down and kick up your heels • Until mid-April, keep up those rain dances John▼

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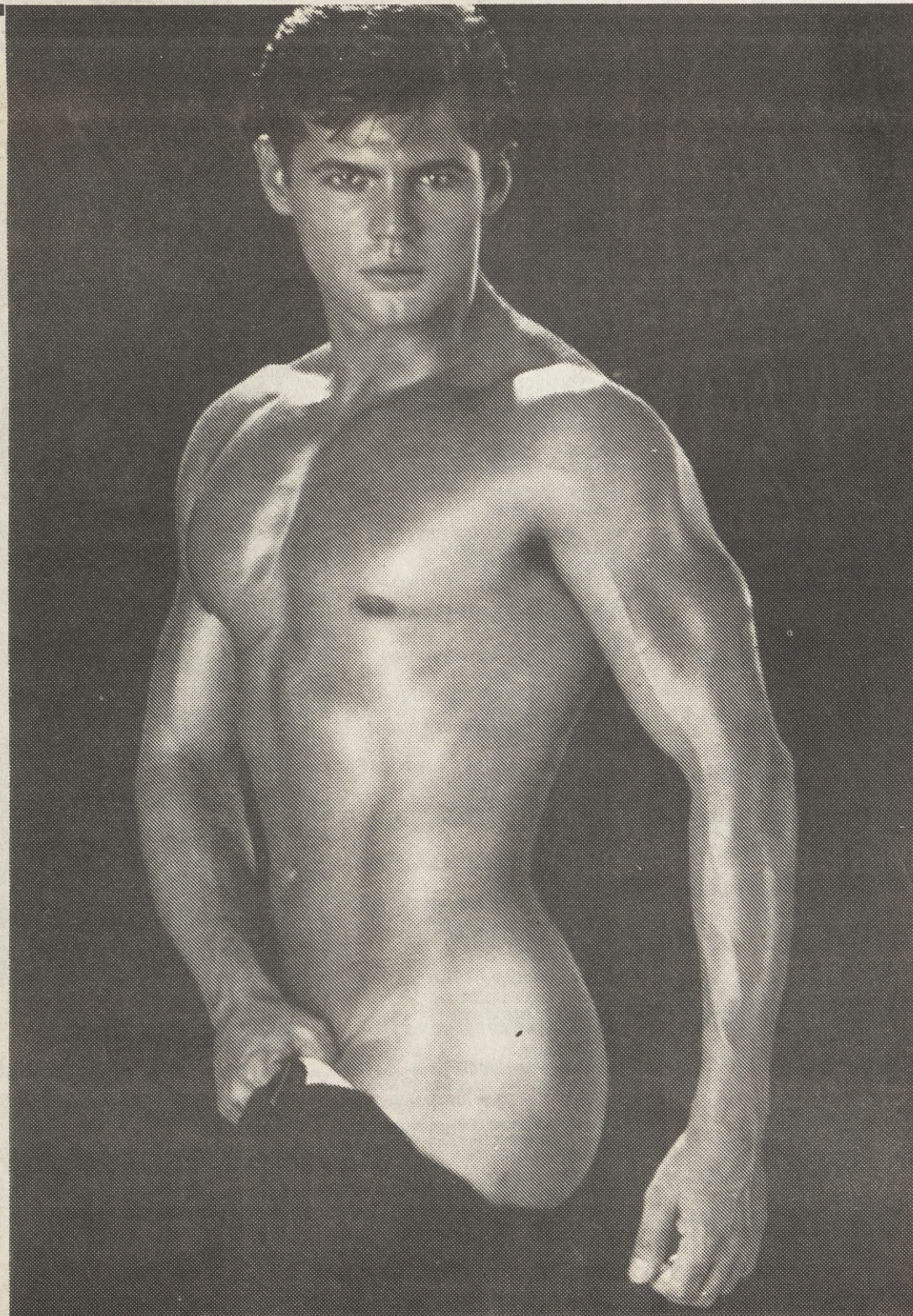
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Terry Garnet-Fishpaw (AKA Terry Sidee of Faces), Pamela D. (Paul Davis of the Town House) and Stephanie (Joe Hall-Davis).

Amid the feathered headdresses and shimmering curtains, the entertainers strutted their stuff for a very receptive crowd.

Terry Garnet-Fishpaw, with some of the most fabulous gams in the world, did a fantastic Lady Garnet-inspired rendition of Patsy Cline's "Crazy," even down to knowing the words! The number (and Terry) was topped off by the trademark cowboy hat, but everything underneath was totally different.

Pamela D. proved to be quite energetic, using as much of the stage and runway as possible, sometimes balancing precariously on the edges. To remove any restrictions, she even flipped her petite heels off for more freedom of movement.

Third up was Stephanie who completely thrilled the crowd by singing live. There was proof of many hours of practice to sound as good as she did. The audience was very impressed by her talents.

The three contestants raised over \$2,000 in pledges for the SAF. Those of you who promised to pay, you know who you are, get your money turned in!!

The audience had a say and, to fill the ballot counting time, CGNIE, Inc., announced candidates for the upcoming election to the Board of Directors public seats and introduced aspirants to the throne for Emperor and Empress XVIII.

Vying for the three available board seats are: Charlie Preston, Grand Duchess X Large Marge, Francine Fishpaw, Al Conglinton, Mark Taylor and Bill Puryear.

First to be introduced for the office of Emperor and Empress XVIII were Leonard Harris and Lady Garnet. They had a colorful, balloon-filled entrance based on "Hello Dolly."

Next up was candidate for Emperor KC Woolsey with a bright and well-choreographed entrance that resembled a real political campaign to George Michael's "I'm Your Man." In light of the recent violence, his "campaign workers" passed out whistles to the audience.

After KC's energetic presentation, the Empress introduced the second candidate to attempt to follow in her heels -- Miss Robby. Four leathermen carried a large clamshell on stage. As it opened, there was Miss Robby, the mermaid. She flipped her tail around (a natural talent for her) and then there was a miracle right on stage -- gone was the fin and Miss Robby had legs.

It's fortunate that the Tuesday Club is well braced, there was enough foot stomping to shake down a lesser building.

To try to calm the audience, Empress Vannah brought up Stormy Weather, in all her spandex glory, as the first entertainer of the evening not running for something. It was the Empress' smartest move; take her advice: don't use Stormy to bring peace to an excited crowd, her spandex just whipped them into a bigger frenzy.

It was finally time to announce "The Awfullest Queen of the Capitol." All of the candidates did a fabulous job and greatly impressed the Empress. According to the rules, based on a combination of pledges and audience vote, the winner was the wonderful Pamela D. "The Awfullest Queen of the Capitol" can often be seen holding court at the Town House.

Campaign news

People of the capitol can learn more about the court system and the candidates on Monday, April 8 at 7:30pm upstairs at the Town House. All of the candidates will be there, with an open forum for the Emperor and Empress aspirants. There will also be time to meet and talk to the candidates for Board of Directors.

There will be many campaign shows and fund-raisers, so be prepared to have some great times this election season. Once you've made your decision, be sure to vote on Saturday, April 13 on the porch of the Lambda Community Center at 20th and L streets.

The results of all this work and excitement will be announced at "Coronation '91, a Multi-Media Event" on Saturday, April 20. This is also the celebration for the completion of Vannah's year as Empress. She invites everyone to come and help her party. ▼

Terry Sidie in drag!???



Terry Sidie, owner of Faces. Photo by Sonya Cox

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Queer democracy takes art to the streets

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho -- Cut off from the mainstream media, anonymous art collectives have taken to the streets in the past few years to make the gay voice heard.

From New York's Gran Fury to San Francisco's Arms Akimbo, gay groups are using cheap graphic techniques such as Xerox posters to bombard urban areas with the message "We're here, we're queer and we've got something to say."

In the process, these anonymous groups have started to give the gay side to such bottom-line issues as AIDS, race, sexuality and gender -- and to break down the barrier between art and audience.

"Subcultures that have been shut out of the mainstream are beginning to make their ideas and communities visible," said a member of the anonymous group Arms Akimbo who wanted names withheld and to speak as an individual.

Many of the projects have included instructions on do-it-yourself art. As a result, anonymous collectives are springing up across the nation.

Two posters best illustrate this phenomena:

* The two-part Akimbo "Safe/Unsafe" campaign featured the word "Safe" over a variety of explicitly gay sexual images and the word "Unsafe" over pictures of anti-gay politicians such as U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, U.S. Rep. William Danne-meyer and the Pope.

"We wanted to show where the real danger for queers is," said Akimbo. "We wanted to show that queer sex was safe -- that what was unsafe was the political, social and cultural attacks on our people."

* The "1,000 Points of Light" campaign, done by the 1,000 Points of Light collective, which had the line "When grief becomes rage" printed over President George Bush's famous "1,000 points of light" slogan -- and an image of a molotov cocktail.

Both posters debuted at the June, 1990, AIDS conference in San Francisco. Both have since evolved and been seen as far away as Madrid.

The "1,000 Points of Light" helped generate a fury that made the gay community's angry voice an ever-present reminder that the U.S. government's response to AIDS has been appalling.

T-shirts have since surfaced at World AIDS Day activities across the U.S. and at the Vancouver Gay Games.

The "Safe/Unsafe" posters also have re-appeared in new guises and been used in different ways.

This past summer, Akimbo blanketed San Francisco tourist areas with the posters to give visitors a true taste of the City.

"We targeted heterosexual territory," said Akimbo. "We plastered Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Park and the cable car turn-arounds so that heterosexuals from out of town got to see the real San Francisco."

The posters later were used as

hand-held signs in marches to protest the National Endowment of the Arts' anti-gay funding stance.

The Helms poster also was turned into billboards-size backdrops at fund-raisers for pro-gay candidates such as Harvey Gantt.

Most recently, the Helms image became part of the art used for the Miller beer/Marlboro cigarette boycott nationwide.

Posters have turned up on barns as far away as New England.

There are many reasons for the success of campaigns such as these.

Despite amazing in-roads in areas such as electing gay officials, gays still are effectively shut out of mass media like television.

"The media will not allow queers in," said Akimbo.

Even televised "town-meetings" such as those held between San Francisco and New York cable stations have been fiasco.



Heterosexual moderators aimed the discussion at a mainstream audience without showing gays as they actually are or addressing the very real concerns of the gay community.

For decades, however, minority communities have used a mix of murals, posters and graffiti to address their problems.

Mexican murals such as those

created by Rivera and Siqueiros helped raise the pride of the people in that country this century.

Closer to home, that radical political tradition can be seen today in the murals of Latino artist Willie Heron on buildings in the barrio in East Los Angeles.

Decades of political posters helped fuel the May revolution of Paris, 1968.

And despite the connotation of vandalism in many people's minds, graffiti is a fairly harmless way for alienated adolescents to take out their frustration at a society that seems bent on locking out all but a few.

Black-and-white blueprint or Xerox copies -- the medium of choice -- also are cheap and can be used to reach a mass audience quickly.

"If you use cheap graphics with a lot of people and a lot of glue, you can spread it through the Interna-

were written on, improved and defaced by people moved enough to respond.

Arms Akimbo said their next project probably will include response sheets encouraging people to get involved.

"We welcome graffiti," said Akimbo. "We want to create art everyone can participate in."

Another Bay Area group has brought the audience into the medium itself.

Queer Think recently created "The Paragraph Project" by soliciting 125 word texts of personal stories from gay San Franciscans, turning the stories into posters with some of the most vibrant phrases overprinted in red or blue, and putting them on bus stops and construction boardings.

To date, the stories have been about violence against gays, the difficult relations gays often have with their family of origin, AIDS and gays of color.

Word spreads quickly when a new series arrives.

"Twenty to thirty people descend on it as soon as it goes up," said Arms Akimbo.

"The paragraph project has become like the Democracy Wall in China."

Through art, gay democracy is taking to the streets, creating hope and pride -- and bringing viewpoints rarely seen by anyone outside the community to the mainstream.

Dell Richards is the author of *Lesbian Lists*. ▼

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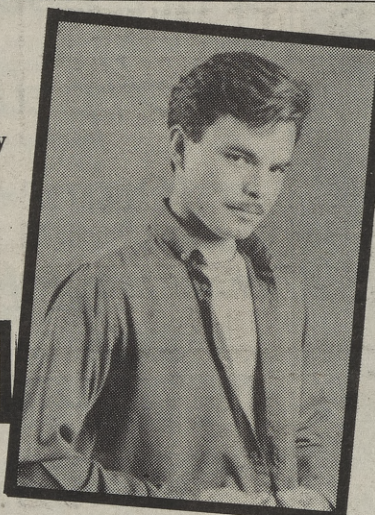
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A winning "Cyrano"

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Edmond Rostand's great *Cyrano De Bergerac*, written in 1898, is one of the most beloved and frequently produced plays of all time. A study done in France concluded that Cyrano was by far the nation's favorite literary character -- well behind Jean Valjean (*Les Miserables*) and d'Artagnan (the fourth Musketeer). The historic context of Cyrano's creation, 17 years after Napoleon III's defeat in the Franco-Prussian War and coinciding with the invention of cinema, is noteworthy. The lavish settings and costumes, and the great energy and motion involved in key scenes make *Cyrano* a play particularly well suited to the movies. Still, the 1950 version that won Jose Ferrer a Best Actor Academy Award was static. In 1987 Steve Martin updated the tale in the pleasing comedy *Roxanne*. Now we have what must be the best *Cyrano* yet as the tale's ample humor, heartbreaking irony, and ultimate tragedy are brought vividly to life in Orion Classics' new release.

The setting is 17th-century France. As a man of rapier wit, Cyrano de Bergerac writes poetry that soars and levels all opponents with dazzling swordplay and lacerating words. Behind the bravado, however, lies a man of insecurity and sorrow. His unrequited love for cousin Roxane is equal only to his

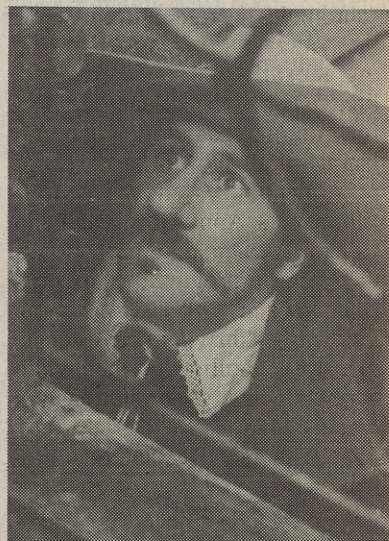
paralyzing self-loathing. Cyrano has what may be the most famous nose in all of western literature, a proboscis of legendary proportions. The face he so hates prevents him from expressing his true feelings to the fetching Roxane, for fear of rejection. She falls for the handsome but inarticulate Christian (Vincent Perez). With Cyrano's words and Christian's comely appearance, they together create the complete romantic hero. The deceit is discovered, but not before a lifetime of yearning has gone unexpressed or misdirected.

Cyrano moves with agility and grace, and carries no heavy baggage revealing its theatrical origins, no awkwardness in the translation to screen. It has the visual splendor and musical depth found in Franco Zeffirelli's robust translation of Shakespeare on film (*The Taming of the Shrew* in 1967 and *Romeo and Juliet* in 1968) and in Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V* in 1989.

Cyrano is such a strong and familiar character, the others could disappear into the scenery. Not so here. Brochet is both love struck and headstrong as Roxane, while Perez is the right mix of chivalry and gangly late adolescence. Other supporting roles are finely portrayed. As expected, the lion's share of acting honors must go to Gerard Depardieu as Cyrano. The public swaggering, private torment, and denial of lust are everywhere in his eyes

and voice. The ubiquitous Depardieu has outdone himself, this performance is easily his career high point to date.

Further kudos are due director Jean-Paul Rappeneau, composer Jean-Claude Petit, and production and costume designer Franca Squarapino. *Cyrano* is in French with subtitles by author Anthony Bur-



Cyrano played by Gerard Depardieu.

gess who does a fine job in keeping the multi-layered meaning and wit flowing. Location shooting was in Hungary and France. *Cyrano* endures; this fine adaptation will allow millions to relive or discover the glories of a great work in western theater. ▼

The Jung and the Restless

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

Obsessions (1990) a film by Vic Burner, M.D.

When this reviewer questioned an employee of the Crest Theater about presenting more gay films, regret was expressed on behalf of management that our community doesn't turn out to support them. Perhaps if there were more and better gay films being produced and if their advertising were to make it clear that the film is gay identified they would see better attendance. One problem with *Obsessions* is that neither the blurb in the Crest's schedule nor any ad appeared using the word gay. The theater really

can't be blamed for this; the film itself has a streak of internalized homophobia running through it that ruins what could have been a worthwhile suspense story. It is billed as an "erotic psychological drama," yet it shows two men who are living together, a wealthy doctor and his younger protege, who never kiss (except for one little peck) nor are they shown to sleep together. The younger man (opera librettist/houseboy/gardener or hustler?) spends a lot of time in his briefs, gratuitously and still rather un-arousingly. AIDS is mentioned once in a footnote. We are left with the conclusion that this must not be a gay film after all. The most erotic scene is where the younger man asks a pretty girl to

dance in a bar and then makes out with her on the dance floor.

The plot, a much milder variant of *Play Misty For Me*, concerns the intrusion of an obsessed Christian woman, Mary Smith, into the lives of the two men. She believes she is under orders from God to foretell a gift of prophecy to the dilettante Doctor Goode and then marry him. She prowls their Spanish Revival mansion in the Hollywood hills and terrorizes Charlie, the junior dilettante, day and night. The terror is accomplished mainly through six fantasy or dream sequences that take place in his overwhelmed mind. Mary actually poses no real threat since Charlie could have her ar-

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Symphony conductor: Joann Falletta!

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

Maestro Joann Falletta, the second woman ever appointed music director of an American regional orchestra, will conduct the Sacramento Symphony next weekend in two stunning orchestral masterpieces.

Her choices for the local concert: Schoenberg's lushly romantic "Verklarte Nacht" and the glorious Mussorgsky/Ravel "Pictures at an Exhibition." What a show! The Great Gate of Kiev is always a sure winner. The program will also include Mozart's Haffner Symphony.

Maestro Falletta will present the "Insights" lecture, a preconcert explanation starting 45 minutes before each performance and free to all ticket holders. She will discuss her interpretation of the extremely diverse program.

Falletta is in her second season as

Music Director of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, her eleventh season as Music Director of the Queens (NY) Philharmonic and her seventh season as Music Director of San Francisco's Bay Area Women's Philharmonic which specializes in works by women composers.

Winner of the prestigious Stokowski, Toscanini and Bruno Walter Awards Maestro Falletta has appeared with many leading American orchestras and in Italy, France, Switzerland and Denmark.

For complete information about time, dates, place and tickets, call 449-5181.

The Classical Pops! All Tchaikovsky concert discussed a few weeks ago in this column will be on April 21 and 22. The show includes Clipper Erickson playing Tchaikovsky's eternally popular Piano Concert No. 1. Tickets are almost gone! Hurry!

Finally, at the end of the month -- and the end of the local symphony season -- will be the REALLY BIG event: the orchestra, the chorus, and a mezzo soloist will present Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky as the film is shown on a huge screen overhead.

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Getting ready for the "Horizontal Mambo & Other Honeymoon Tales"

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Lesbians and gay men are just beginning to grapple with some of the nascent protocol and rituals of domestic partnership when along come two Ohio filmmakers who are working on a documentary that "chronicles the romantic passage of the American honeymoon" marking "the shift from single to coupled life." Much of the lesbian/gay press, for example, has yet to figure out journalistically how to handle couple or partner notices, and independent filmmakers Ann Alter and Laine Goldman want to document, through their film-in-progress, "Horizontal Mambo and Other Honeymoon Tales," the "thriving ritual steeped in history, tradition, myth, illusion, hopes, doubts, contradictions and dreams."

Well, nobody ever said being gay was easy.

Because the film is covering vir-

tually uncharted territory and because Alter and Goldman are committed to covering that territory with a cultural sensitivity not often seen in films - even among independent filmmakers - neither women have much preconception of exactly what the film will reveal about this mysterious, romantic ritual that for many signals the beginning of a committed relationship together. Thus, their outreach to lesbians, gay men and bisexuals for input on the film's content.

And lesbians and gay men are among the "experts" whose insights, understandings and experiences Alter and Goldman are looking to get. Women and men who have anything they feel is relevant - or maybe even irrelevant - to add to the understanding of this rite of passage from singledom to coupledom are being encouraged to contact the two filmmakers.

While many lesbians and gay men might feel their relationships, ex-

cluded from the American mainstream, have little or nothing to do with honeymoons, many couples do, in fact, take that "special vacation" or "gay honeymoon" together somewhere in the early phases of their relationship being solidified. And that's just the kind of thing Alter and Goldman are after.

Alter said that while some people would be asked to do on-camera interviews, many more people can contribute to the film's final outcome just by helping the filmmakers determine what issues the film should cover. The women have developed a simple, two-page questionnaire that will help give them insights into the honeymoon phenomenon among all sorts of people.

Alter and Goldman can be contacted by writing Horizontal Mambo Productions, P.O. Box 5657, Athens, Ohio 45701, for a copy of the questionnaire and further information about the film. ▼

Good person of Setzuan delights and instructs

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

The Good Person of Setzuan, by Bertolt Brecht, directed by Tim Ocel, Sacramento Theatre Co., Feb. 24-March 24.

"In the earthquakes that come I hope I won't let my cigar go out in bitterness..."

To attempt a complete analysis of Brecht's aesthetic theories in the scope of this review would not only be presumptuous but also boring as hell. Brecht's essential assertion is that compassion is the fiercest and most fundamental of his passions. To attack the existing order that tolerates homelessness in Sacramento with that one simple idea is enough of a challenge for the Sacramento Theatre Company. When we leave the theater after The Good Person of Setzuan, merely having been made to think might only leave

the last paragraph. If only more people could see this brilliant production!

The plot, briefly, concerns the temptation to be good in a world and under circumstances that make goodness impossible and self-defeating. Shen Te, a prostitute who is too poor to be good, becomes Shui Ta, a tough businessman during the day who makes a lot of money cheating and exploiting the people. In the evenings she gives the money away to the same people she has taken advantage of under the Machiavellian precept of "how not to be good." If the gods can find at least one good person in Setzuan the world will be saved from destruction. After Shen Te fails, the gods depart satisfied because it is of greater consequence for humans to leave the world a better place than for them to have been good.

This production has placed the

of the theme of homelessness. This served the author's aim that the natural be made to look surprising, and her elegance in this context was also astonishing. The rest of the characters should be types rather than individuals, but the author has furnished a script that permits great actors to play a good scene, and that is what they have done. The music, composed for this production, was also in contrast to Brecht's warning to "beware of wit", of candied fruit, tasteful decoration and smooth finish."

Now let's look at the reactions of some of the people who attended the Loaves and Fishes benefit performance on March 3. According to LeRoy Chatfield, Executive Director of Loaves and Fishes, about 50 homeless persons saw the play and found it to be "over-drawn," that it "dwelled on greed and selfishness" and did not have any "redeeming characters." Chatfield appreciates the issues raised, commenting that "working with the homeless is not easy work. It's hard to know what is the most helpful. The reason I admire this production is because it will raise consciousness and have a leavening effect on the community. It is a very moving, very powerful play. At the end we sat in stunned silence. One of the messages is that the source of generosity came from the most unlikely place, that the one who has the least gives the most. We see that the homeless are not them, but us -- that it can happen to anyone of us at any time."

Some interesting figures of what generosity will buy: Budget for one month run of The Good Person of Setzuan -- \$65,000; average cost of each meal served at Loaves and Fishes -- 60 cents. For what they play cost, Loaves and Fishes could serve 108,333 meals to 750 homeless persons for almost five months. The Sacramento Theatre Company's audiences hopefully will not leave uninstructed and unimproved. In Brecht's last play the Caucasian Chalk Circle he has this to say:

She who doesn't listen to the cry for help but passes by with distracted ear: never again will she hear the soft call of the beloved or the blackbird at dawn or the happy sigh of the vintner when the bells toll the Angelus. ▼

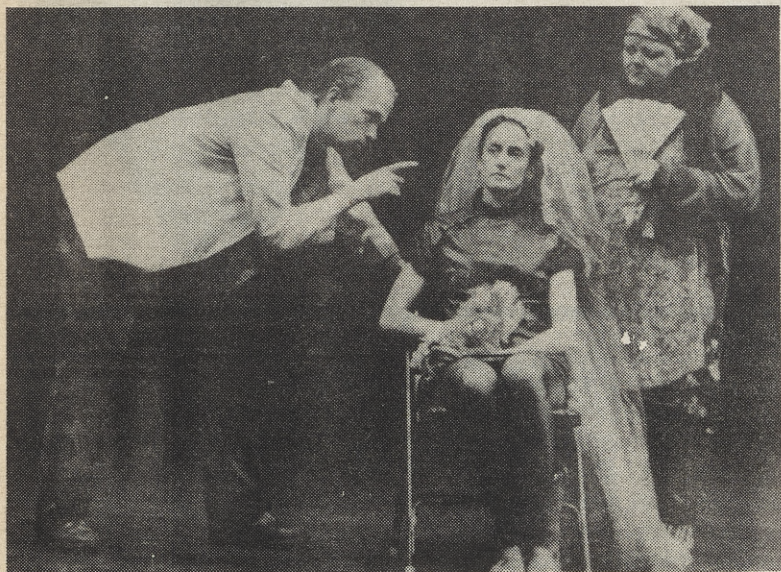



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Shen Te, surrounded by her family-to-be on her wedding day. Matthew Davis, Terri McMahon and Carole Whiteleather.

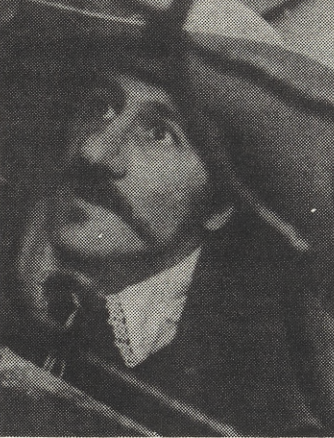
us staring helplessly at the world as it is because thinking alone will not find out what "the good" is. What Brecht wants us to do is to judge and then, hopefully, to act. How much this production transforms the emotion of compassion into the emotion of anger remains to be seen. As he put it, "Pity is what one does not deny to those whom one refuses to help." Brecht was outraged by not only the sufferings of the poor but also their obscurity. The Mayor's recent "State of the City" speech, for example, mentioned homelessness only once in

action "against a tapestry of the homeless of our time," which is a humorously anarchic metaphor (wouldn't Brecht cringe at the bourgeois idea of tapestry?). The production is full of this exhilarating anarchy. Terri McMahon in the title role creates an unsettling amalgamation of harshness, stridency and corrosiveness on the one hand with the grace and anti-Brechtian pathos of a ballerina on the other. She had Carol Bland moments and she had k.d. lang ones, too; in fact she had a coruscating range that paralleled the underlying anarchy



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Get ready to dream: Part 2

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.
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As you begin using the basic skills of dreamwork, you will find a relationship developing more consciously between your waking and your sleeping self. It is as if, once you begin consciously showing open, attentive interest in your dreams, your deepest wisdom responds.

There are myriad hypotheses about the "real meanings" of dreams. They range from innumerable subjective meanings in the personal subconscious, to the zigzagging of the computer-like cortex, sorting out the days' business.

Whatever conclusions may ultimately be reached about the meaning of dream states, the truth is that the substance of a dream presents rich material that can take the dreamer right to the core issues of his/her life.

Dreamwork, used as a projective technique, becomes a mirror for what is occupying the focus of a person's life; it can be said that dreamwork is a means of acknowledging an intrapsychic event.

The processes used in dreamwork vary. The way Sigmund Freud analyzed dreams was pretty passive for the client, with the therapist doing most all of the interpretation of the client's dream. Fritz Perls became known for working with a client's dream in a workshop format; the client would be the focal point for the group, where the other participants would observe the client act out the imagery of his/her dream. Gestalt therapy is a very dynamic way of working with a client's dream. The dreamer is asked to identify with and reenact all the parts of his or her dream.

The "dream meaning" is what you learn as you identify with your projections, dialogue with your polarities, (weak/ strong, happy/sad, loving/hateful, etc.), and as you write/speak/act out the missing scenes and endings to unfinished dreams.

Always speak in the present tense when you are working with your dreams. "I am walking down a road" ... "I see a great light in front of me, as I begin to walk more quickly, I break into a run and I'm running as fast as I can," ...etc.

Speaking in the first person, as if the dream is occurring at the moment of the enactment, tends to surface all the accompanying emotions and sensory experience. Just as words evoke images, so do images evoke feeling/sensory information.

Gestalt dreamwork demands the dreamer become involved with the senses and the body. If you're just in your head talking about your dream and have no emotional gut involvement, you may be intellectually absorbed but you'll be unchanged. It's not enough to intellectually comprehend something, as far as dreamwork goes, you must feel it. Recapture your senses. Taste, touch, smell, hearing, seeing.

One of Fritz Perls' (1969) major contributions to psychotherapy was this idea - that a person will only be capable of change if there is a bodily experience concurrent with the mental processes. The core of dreamwork is reunification; the re-owning of the alienated, projected parts of self.

PRINCIPLES OF CREATIVE DREAMWORK: (from Strephon Kaplan Williams' material- Jungian-Senoi Dreamwork)

"--We dream to become awake to life.--I must not consider my healing dreams nightmares.--In this world of mists my dreams guide me to my destiny.--Dreams are the sacred landscape which show the soul at work.--I am dreamed by my dreams to facing reality.--A dream is always a question and never an answer.--The voice of the center is the dream. But without my choice to actualize, neither the center nor the dream become real.--A dream without its dreamwork is like a life without its meaning.--As in dreams so in life.--As I act in dreams so can I act in outer life.--To change my life, I must change my dreams.--The guiding powers of the universe use dreams as their messengers.--I do not live to dream but I dream to live!"

PRACTICES OF CREATIVE DREAMWORK: (a few important points)

1. Practice clearing your mind before you go to sleep. Focus as clearly as you can on an intention, question or desire for a certain kind of dream.

Problem-solving? Creative? Spiritually instructive? Career direction? Family/friend healing? Accept whatever dreams your mind brings you to work with, and do the work. 2. Practice keeping the dream as the primary focus. The dream itself is complete in its message and its mystery. You don't need to go to some specific book to figure out what your dream means, nor do you need to have a specific belief system. After all YOU are the author of the dream, and at some level, you know what it means. It is your process. Yes, of course you can learn skills and techniques by which you can assist yourself to unravel your dream. But to make some book or person the sole judge of your dreamwork is a mistake. Trust yourself. 3. Practice interacting with your dream figures, human, animal, mythical, through talking with them, drawing or painting them, writing poetry about/with them (ask the image to collaborate with you, if possible) meditating on them --actualizing the energy in some appropriate way. Dialogue with them, ask them why you dreamed the dream. Ask what you must do. Then, through this and possible further dreamwork on this theme, combine perspectives, get a balance (based on your own integrity) and act on the insights. 4. Practice re-entering your dream imaginatively. Act with greater courage, integrity, compassion (or act with whatever is needed) to understand why you behave in a certain way in the dream. Focus on, evolve and change what you as dream ego ARE or ARE NOT doing in the dream. Here, look for repetitive themes, encounters, symbols, attitudes, feeling patterns.

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rested for trespassing; it is his weakness and impressionability that provokes his intense hatred and fear of her.

Jungian dream analysts will most likely get more out of *Obsessions* than the average filmgoer. The film sets Mary up as a perfect example of Jung's *anima*, or soul-image, the complementary feminine inner personality men have:

In men with a good-natured and unaggressive persona [the outer personality], the soul-image has a rather malevolent character ... the prostitute surrounded with the halo of a soul crying for succor.

Charlie has nightmares of Mary shooting him, and after following her home once, discovers that the Bible-toting puritan by day is bring-

ing home tricks from a pick-up joint by night. Although Jungians will see right through these characters that are little more than types (Jung theorized that homosexuality was a defective adaptation to external reality which surely has been revised by his followers), Christians will be indignant at the shabby treatment Mary gets. After stabbing her in a dream, Charlie quips to the doctor that she can play the angel in his opera. The doctor, after simply showing her the door, summarizes the whole affair as "another plop in religion's septic tank" and the film ends with a bomb.

In spite of the awful acting, too many breakfasts on the patio, and too many gaudy crystal lamps, the work did have some seductive elements. The music was skillfully done. The cinematography reached some moments of incredible richness and beauty. In one scene (the second most erotic) the camera dwells on Mary's sweat-hog father as he slowly guzzles a whole bottle

of beer. The real star of the film, of course, is the theatrical architecture of the Spanish Revival mansion, heavily laden with wrought iron, tiles, endless staircases, portieres, statuettes and rare objets d'art. The film's preoccupation with this make-believe world makes it specifically a Los Angeles work of art, with its emphasis on style over substance, emotionally regressive life of leisure, and glamour-starved hustlers. It is a fantasy that gives meaning to a Spanish Revival building whose image transcends its physical reality, not a document about gay life.▼

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Addiction: a problem of imbalance

by Sandra Warne, M.A.
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In my last column, I wrote about compulsiveness: an epidemic of addictions. In this issue I will address addiction as our attempt to adapt to a dysfunctional society, by examining some of our attraction to addictions. What do the mood changers do for us?

Relief from isolation

In a society where people have lots of trouble with intimate relationships and lack of sense of community support, drugs and other mood changes offer welcome relief. In the short run addiction provides contact and camaraderie with other addicts -- or numbs feelings of loneliness. Particularly living in a lifestyle that lacks public sanction, addiction for the gay and lesbian population creates its own sense of belonging and community, albeit a self-destructive one.

Distraction from feelings

Addictions provide activity and ritual that keep us busy so that we don't have to feel our feelings or the emptiness inside. They insulate us from despair, from lack of deeper meaning and purpose in our lives, and from the feelings and conflicts that we fear may overwhelm us. If we are lost in other people, good wine, See's Candies, extended work hours, or anonymous sex, we become distracted for a time, from our pain.

Pseudopleasure

In a society where work values have heavily invaded recreation (making it goal-oriented, rather than creative or fun), mood changes give us a chance to "lose ourselves," to be temporarily relieved from self-consciousness. They keep us from confronting just how little genuine

pleasure and joy we actually have in our lives.

Illusion of control

In a technological society in which people feel they have less and less control over the conditions of their lives, and yet were taught to revere power and "performance," mood-changes give the illusion of control, competence and power -- or numb us from feelings of helplessness. Addiction is "looking for power in all the wrong places."

Constant crisis

Addiction prone people don't want to feel their real feelings but at the same time don't want to experience the emotional "deadness" inside that results from repressing these feelings. Addictions provide constant excitement and crisis, substituting for a real sense of being fully alive. Those of us that don't use substances know full well how to create "chaos" for ourselves and our loved ones with or without chemicals if we feel empty enough.

Image enhancement

In a society that stresses projecting an acceptable image; ie: one of the homogenized "straight" and upwardly mobile anglo-saxon couple, honesty and authenticity are replaced by mood changes that help us feel more acceptable to others, mask fears that we are not enough as we are, or numb us from painful feelings of self-judgment and measurement. They substitute for self-acceptance.

Predictability

The ritual of drug use and other compulsive indulgences, eliminates choices and makes life simpler and more predictable, which is particularly appeal for people who feel unable to cope with current stress and responsibilities. Instead of achieving a simpler, saner life, we turn to addictive behavior of all kinds.

Adaptation to a dysfunctional society

Having identified some of the payoffs for our addictive involvements -- gambling, sex, shopping, eating, drugging -- It's apparent that we are trying to avoid isolation, insecurity, powerlessness, emotional

deadness, painful self scrutiny, despair and lack of purpose, rather than address the underlying problems themselves.

We have become a product of our societal systems -- a system that models "quick-fix" solutions and offers little alternative gratification.

Just as a child in a dysfunctional family seeks to adapt to his "sick" environment, many of us as a culture, are trying through addictions and compulsions to adapt to our larger "sick" family, our SOCIETY. Alexander Lowen writes in *Fear of Life* that "No one deliberately chooses a neurotic style of life, since it is a limitation of being. The armoring process is a means of survival, a way of avoiding intolerable pain."

Looking at addictions as "adaptive" in a dysfunctional culture may sound like narcissistic preoccupation -- "me and my needs." But that's what addictions are -- self-preoccupation. The fact that society and our families are not adequately meeting our needs is not to make a plea for collective self-pity. Recognizing our unmet needs can be very positive action, the first step out of our addictive vulnerability and narcissism. Society is not likely to change over night, and we can't wait for that before we begin our own personal recovery. But by recognizing what it is we really hunger for in our lives, we can begin to find ways to satisfy and nurture ourselves and each other in ways that will ultimately lead us out of self-preoccupation, not further into it. We are society. When enough of us change it will change.

In the next issue I will look at what it is about ourselves, our family systems, and our institutions that is creating this emotional, mental, and spiritual bankruptcy. I will look at our vulnerability: the addictive personality.

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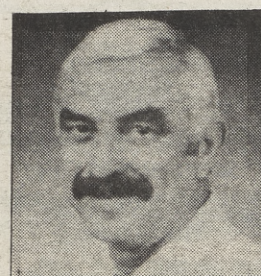


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Dear Dr. Cruise:

Our 1980 Toyota Corolla has given us excellent service for 160,000 miles but now it is using a lot of oil and our mechanic tells us the engine needs overhauling at a cost of around \$1500. Obviously this is a lot to spend on a car this old, but replacing the car with a new one will cost close to \$10,000. What do you recommend, fixing up the old car or buying a new one? - Cindy and Sheila, Rocklin

Dear Cindy and Sheila:

Your Corolla has given you a lot for your money, partly because it's a good car and partly because you've maintained it well. You must have if it's still going after 160,000 miles!

If you put a new engine in the car you'll still have a lot of other major components that have a lot of miles on them. So you need to know if the car has any other weak spots before you invest in an overhauled engine. Get your mechanic's opinion on the remaining service life of the transmission, brakes, rear end, and front suspension. Evaluate the condition of the paint and interior yourself. And don't forget to factor

in the fun of owning a new car vs. the savings of driving the old one. Remember too that the newer cars are safer and more economical to run than cars of 10 years ago.

There is no right or wrong answer to this question -- no matter what you do you're going to be out some money. But if the old Corolla is in good shape except for the engine, I think I would go ahead and get the engine rebuilt. I would then drive it for a couple more years and sell it -- you'll probably get more for it then, with a two year old engine, than if you sell it now with a worn out eleven year old engine.▼

common sense & your pets

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Which is the right puppy for you?

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

You've resisted the lure of the pet shop pup begging to be taken home, but your heart still longs to share your love with a furry or hairy little body that will welcome you home with wiggles and the unconditional love that only a puppy can deliver. with an expected life span of anywhere from 10 to 15 years for the average dog, choosing a four-legged companion should not be taken lightly. so, how do we know which dog is going to be the perfect dog? Prepare to do some homework.

There are some excellent resource guides available. Simon and Shuster's *Guide to Dogs* lists over 320 breeds in full color with descriptions, physical and personality characteristics, uses, care and adaptability for certain lifestyles. *You and Your Dog* by David Taylor, Knopf, 1990, does not cover as many breeds, but does go into more detail on aspects of responsible ownership such as health care and behavior. *The Complete Dog Buyers Guide*, by Dr. William A. Bruette and Kerry V. Donnelly, T.F.H., 1984, lists breeds and standards according to the AKC, prices (1984 version), suitability and temperament of each dog and a short section on care and training. My favorite reference for prospective puppy buyers was penned by Dr. Benjamin L. Hart, D.V.M. of Davis and his wife Lynette A. Hart. This is a consumer's guide to 56 of the most popular AKC breeds ranked by 13 behavioral traits (ie: trainability, dominance over owner, attitudes toward

children, aggressiveness, etc.) The most impressive reference book, *The Atlas of Dog Breeds* by Chris Walkowicz and Bonnie Wilcox, D.V.M., is a coffee table volume that is beautiful, informative and expensive, a wonderful book to have in a collection. Any of these books should be available at the library or your local book seller.

A definite consideration in any choice of breed has to be your living accommodations. The apartment dweller who works eight hours a day away from home will want to think twice about choosing a large dog that requires a great deal of exercise. Personally I've always had a yen for a noble Irish Wolfhound, however, the Welsh Corgi fits more comfortably into my small cottage. The same working, apartment dweller may also want to consider choosing an older dog over a puppy. regardless of your final choice, it is important to shop for a puppy with as much care as you would give to selecting a fine piece of furniture. A sofa, for instance, must fit your decor and the dimensions of the room it will occupy. Likewise, a puppy must fit the family and lifestyle. Once the selection of possible breeds is made, the next step is to locate a reputable breeder.

An excellent source of breeders locally is available through the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs, whose "pink book" lists reputable breeders who subscribe to the Council's Code of Ethics. A call to 916-483-3602 will get you the names of listed breeders of your chosen breed. The difference between a "breeder" and a "reputable breeder" lies in the ability of the "reputable breeder" to supply guarantees on health, such as X-rays showing absence of such problems as Hip Dysplasia and other genetic or transmittable problems inherent in any breed. They will offer sales contracts and be willing

and available to help the new puppy owner and will usually sell at a fair market price and they will urge, and may even insist, on the spaying and neutering of pet quality puppies. Also, with the reputable breeder the buyer will be supplied with an introduction to at least the mother and sometimes the father of the pups and a pedigree showing the parentage for several generations. The reputable breeder "shows" his breeding stock and is aware of faults in the breed and breeds for physically and emotionally sound stock.

Another outlet for contacting reputable breeders and also a means of viewing top specimens of any breed is a visit to a dog show such as the Sacramento Kennel Club show on Sunday, April 14, 1991. Here you will see some of the creme de la creme of dogdom. Most exhibitors will be happy to give the curious information to guide in a search for your perfect puppy or older dog.

I urge any buyer to look at a number of litters before making a final choice. Since temperament is extremely important, I always look for the outgoing, friendly pup that enjoys being touched and held. I want a pup that is curious when confronted by new or startling sounds or sights. I will avoid the shy or overly aggressive little tyrant that bullies the rest of the litter. This is cute in a tiny pup, but may not bode well when the pup has size and strength. Behaviorists like myself will often make ourselves available to visit a litter with the prospective buyer and make recommendations based on some temperament testing.

Dogs are dogs and like humans are often unpredictable, none is really perfect, however, by working with a reputable breeder in your search for a purebred puppy or older dog, you have some ideas of the background of the dog that goes home with you.

Next we will look at the wonderful Second-Hand dog or loveable mutts. They are out there and I'll share some insights on what to look for and what to expect when you adopt one of these special dogs.▼

Joan B. Guertin, owner of *Common Sense Dog Training* is a Canine Behaviorist and trainer utilized a psychological, nonaggressive approach to training and problem solving. She has trained since 1957. Watch for dates of upcoming classes.▼

HAPPENINGS

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Alternative to the bar scene?

Competitive "B"-Ball players, are you looking for a team to play on? The Lambda Center is considering sponsoring a women's team in order to offer a clean and sober alternative to the bar scene. If you're interested, call Dori at 446-4882 before April 17.▼

National Lesbian Conference

The first National Lesbian Conference on April 24-28 in Atlanta, GA will attract 5000 lesbians from across the nation to teach and learn from each other; from hammering out a lesbian agenda for the 1990's to finding solutions to homophobia by dispelling myths about aging.

For information: The National Lesbian Conference, Box 1999, Decatur, GA 30031; 404-373-0000.▼

Community celebrates the Lavender Sweep

The Lambda Community Center welcomes Carole Migden, San Francisco Supervisor; Roberta Achtenberg, San Francisco Supervisor; Tom Amiano, San Francisco School Board; Jean Harris, Domestic Partners Campaign Manager; and Gary Miller, Robla School Board to a celebration of the "Lavender Sweep." This celebration will be April 7 (Sunday) at Ambrose-Heath (10th & J sts.) from 3-6pm.

River City Democratic Club Co-chairs, Lou Camera and Judy Ludwig, will emcee the celebration. Featured local entertainment will include Open Road, Mary Rose and a "sneak preview" of *Fantasticks* by the Lambda Players. Hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar will, also, be included for the \$10 door charge. All proceeds from this celebration will go to help support Sacramento's gay and lesbian theatre, Lambda Players. All donations are tax deductible.▼

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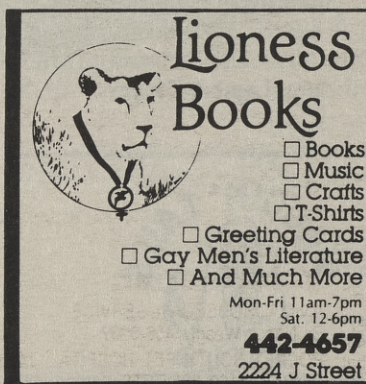
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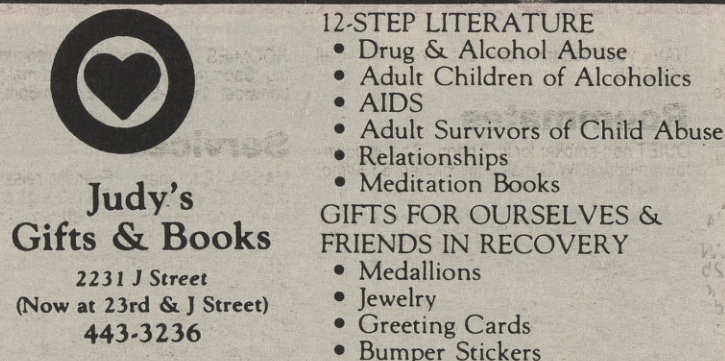
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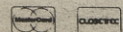


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Lambda Letters auction

The Lambda Letters Project has announced that it will hold its second annual Lambda Auction on Sunday, May 5 at 3pm. The event will feature the gay comic Danny Williams as guest auctioneer. People with items to donate, or who wish to help run the event, should call Lambda Letters at 965-6851.

The Lambda Letters Project is dedicated to helping women, lesbians and gays, HIV positive persons, and other supportive people to write their legislators and other officials

in government and private industry about women's rights, gay and lesbian rights, and AIDS. Each month Project members receive Tip Sheets and sample letters on legislation or other situations relating to each of these subjects. Members may use the information in the Tip Sheets to compose their own letters, or may simply sign the sample letters. In either case, the letters are returned to Lambda Letters for counting and delivery. Volunteers also bring letters to meetings of various com-

munity organizations each month for review and signature by those attending the meetings. Last year, the project delivered over 4,000 letters to legislators and other officials. More than 1,300 have been delivered this year.

All of this costs money and so the Lambda Auction of 1991 will be a fun way to raise funds for the Project. Interested people are encouraged to volunteer their time and collectibles by calling 965-6851.▼

Expose yourself: In your journal?

reviewed by Joanne Marrow
OF MGW STAFF

Enter Password Recovery, Reenter Password by Elly Bulkin, Turtle Books, Albany, N.Y., 1990.

Throughout this thin volume, Bulkin frets over her exposure of self in journal writing. How can friends cart a journal around? "Easy to reach in their backpacks, easy to lose on a train ..." Someone else could pick it up and read the private thoughts. Yet, she presents us the dated and edited elements of her own personal journal. The astonishing thing is that no major frailties, dark secrets, or agonizing pain is delivered. (Perhaps she doesn't expose herself at all?)

Bulkin's major issue is "the cloud." It is never fully defined in and of itself but it is related to recall of her childhood molest experience, her

writer's "block," her loss of a 12 year lesbian relationship (her lover leaves her for a man), her Jewish identity, her issues of not fitting in and of abandonment by various people. Her outspoken activism for lesbian and gay rights is one area free of the cloud.

All of these issues meander in and out of the two years of journal entries. Yet none is established in depth. We seem really to be reading her jottings. Mention is made of four page single-spaced letters to friends where her pain is explored. These are letters we never see.

Bulkin avoids the assistance of a therapist. So the writing is blessedly free of jargon and neat, tidy explanations of the whys of her existence. On the other hand, this is a real glimpse into the mind of someone who is just starting to touch on a history of pain. A little peek into the self's reaction to molest. Ouch!

Let's talk about something else. A wander through the aimlessness of depression. Ouch! Let's talk about something else. An exploration into spirituality. Oops. My parents raised me to be secular. Set that aside for now. All this is familiar to a therapist who would define it as the initial phase of therapy, the phase of denial and fear. Bulkin labels her denial and she recognizes how it serves her.

For lesbians with issues similar to Bulkin's, this work will go far in normalizing your own experience. This is how the mind thinks. As a therapist, I could only hope that Bulkin will really push herself to get past all this and find her well of strength as she sets her history squarely behind her. Perhaps the act of writing and publishing this piece is her personal way of achieving this goal.▼

"Alternatives" comes to Sacramento

Native Sacramentan J. Jonathon Hess, a veteran broadcaster of 13 years, has announced the production of a new radio program for Sacramento's diverse "Alternative Lifestyle Community." The two-hour weekly program, entitled *Alternatives*, will air live over K.C.B.L. 87.9 FM every Friday morning from 10am until noon. It will also be rebroadcast every Friday evening

from 10pm until midnight as the audio portion on Sacramento Community Cable Channels 47 and 63.

Alternatives will feature:

- 1) *The Community News Update*, a 5-7 minute newscast highlighting global, national, state and local news traditionally left ignored by the "straight media."
- 2) *Profiles*, a 30-minute interview/talk show, hosted by Jim

Cullivan, with guests from various groups, organizations, and political leaders within the community.

3) *Out of the Closet*, a 40-minute music, entertainment, and comedy segment featuring mainstream and alternative artists.

Alternatives will also feature a weekly entertainment guide, community calendar, and astrological forecast.▼

RCDC

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it was noted that RCDC flyers will be accompanying Lambda Fund material and they arranged an agreement to utilize the RCDC mailing list for select mailings. Community support of AB 101 was stressed by the legislative committee, and a memorandum listing the bills that affect the gay and lesbian population was distributed.

All who participated in the two day precinct walking for the Mattingly campaign were praised by the political action chair. The public relations committee has been networking with other democratic clubs in the Sacramento area and with the other gay and lesbian democratic organizations in the state. The goal is to share political information and to keep abreast of upcoming events. A coordinator is also being sought for RCDC's participation in the Gay Pride Parade. Interested persons can contact Judy Ludwick at 689-3318 or Lou Camera at 429-2806.

A Lambda Letters update was also presented, and there have been two new letters drafted for signatures. More information may be obtained by phoning the Lambda Letters Hotline at 394-3103. RCDC will be holding a social and panel discussion regarding Hate Crimes,

Lesbian manuscripts sought

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For manuscript guidelines send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Madwoman Press, Box 690, Northboro, MA 01532.▼

Who's Next? - Who Cares? on Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 21st and J Street. A five dollar donation is requested. RCDC's eighth birthday party will be at FACES, 20th & K Street, on Saturday, April 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Donations of eight or sixteen dollars are requested.

Contact Ed Condon at 682-8948 for more information.▼

VACCINE

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vaccine may keep HIV positive persons from developing full-blown AIDS. Much more research is needed.

It is a disgrace that, because of politics and bureaucracy, California could not release funding elements for two years and a monoclonal effort had to stop. Given the worldwide gravity of the situation

with regard to HIV infection, it is imperative that prevention remain our #1 goal until an effective vaccine can get the epidemic under control. When is something that doctors contacted at the National Institutes of Health as well as the University of California Davis refused to speculate on. In the meantime, a group of brave volunteers including Jim Sechelski have decided the urgency outweighs the risks. Remember that there is no animal model for AIDS and this was the first time vaccines of this type had been tested in humans. Complications could how up that remain theoretic possibilities for the rest of one's life. Hope may always be accompanied by fear, but knowing that bravery like this exists in our community is something to sustain all of us.▼

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calendar

APRIL

Monday 1

Women's Rap & Social, 7pm, Lambda
Comm. Center, 20th & L, 442-0185.
California State Legislature reconvenes.

Tuesday 2

"Being Gay Today," 10pm, Cable Channel
63.

Wednesday 3

Protest against massacre in Persian Gulf,
Oak Park Comm. Park, 5:30pm rally; Ad
hoc Committee for Peace, 446-0787.
Politics of AIDS lecture, CSUS, Speech/
Drama building, room 132; 278-6156.
"Empowering Women" gala 5:30-
7:30pm, Sac. History Center.
"Healthwatch: Update on HIV Treat-
ments," 7-9pm, SAF, 1900 K St., 448-2437.

Thursday 4

Sacramento Theatre Company presents a
Cabaret Evening with Julie Wilson, Sac.
Theatre Co., 8pm, 443-6722 for more
info, thru April 6; April 7-8 9:30pm.

California Elected Women's Assoc. on
Education & Research, Annual Confer-
ence, Sacramento; Mary 441-3870.

GLAS meeting, topic: Spirituality & Reli-
gion; 8:30pm, CSUS Social Science Build-
ing, Rm. 236.

"Being Gay Today," 9pm, Cable Channel
63.

12th Annual Spring Lecture Series, "Clay
Today: Three California Artists" 10am &
7pm, Chris Unterseher, Crocker Art Mu-
seum; registration 449-5423.

Friday 5

Leather Art Auction, 10pm, Wreck Room.

8th Annual Teddy Bear Convention,
Miner's Foundry, 325 Spring St., Nevada
City, thru April 7; 265-5804 for more info.

Saturday 6

Pedal for PAWS, half-century bike thru
UCD campus; register 707-451-4861.

Creative Choices, Positive Change work-
shop, free, Charter Hospital, 969-3333.

River City Democratic Club's 8th Birth-
day Party, Faces, 20th & K, 5:30-7:30pm, \$8,
\$16; 682-8948.

African-American Gay/Lesbian Organiza-
tion, Lambda Center, 11am; \$4, chicken
fry.

39th Annual African Violet Show, Sac.
Garden Center; 725-5961.

Laguna Seca Challenge, mountain bike
competition, Monterey; 408-373-1839.

Women's Flag Football Tournament,
TBA.

Sunday 7

International Kite Festival, Rancho San
Rafael Park, Reno; 702-827-7636.

Monday 8

Women's Rap & Social, 7pm, Lambda
Comm. Center, 20th & L, 442-0185.

Ballroom & Western Dance Mini-Course
begins; John Batchelor 453-8991.

8th Annual Scandinavian Festival; 489-
5729.

AIDS Awareness Week, UCD: "Ethics of
AIDS & Legislative Direction" Stan Had-
den, UCD, 180 Med Sci 1A, 4pm.

Open Forum for candidates of CGNIE
Emperor & Empress, Town House,
7:30pm.

"Revelations," Church of Enthusiasm &
Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, #11; reserva-
tions required 456-5685, 489-7503.

Tuesday 9

AIDS Awareness Week, UCD: "Beyond
AIDS 101", 203 Mrak Hall, noon-1pm;
"Risk of HIV Infections for Future Health
Care Workers," 4-6pm, 170 Schalm Hall.

"Getting What You Need & Want: Easy
Steps to a More Assertive Person," 6:30-
9:30pm, CARES, 2710 Capitol Ave.

Reception: Women for Assemblyman
Lloyd Connelly, with guest speaker Sena-
tor Lucy Killea, YWCA, 1122 17th St., 4-
7pm, \$35/person, cocktails, hors
d'oeuvres served; RSVP 443-8421.

Meet the Grantmakers Forum, sponsored
by the Sierra Foundation, Sac. Comm.
Center, 9am-4:30pm.

"Being Gay Today," 10pm, Cable Channel
63.

Wednesday 10

AIDS Awareness Week, UCD: "Attitudes,
Beliefs & Barriers to HIV Education in
People of Color Communities," noon-

1pm, 203 Mrak Hall; "AIDS-Women at
Risk," 3:30pm, University Club; "Sex,
What They Forgot To Tell You," 6pm, 184
Young Hall.

"How to Love Yourself," Church of Enthu-
siasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, #11; free
will donation; 456-5685, 489-7503 reser-
vations.

Sacramento NOW board meeting, 6 &
7pm; 442-3414.

Thursday 11

AIDS Awareness Week, UCD: "Women &
AIDS," video, noon, 203 Mrak Hall; "AIDS
Research in Primates," 4pm, 170 Schalm
Hall, Med Sci 1B.

"Health Care Delivery to the Hispanic
Community," thru April 12, USC, Sac.
Center; info 442-6911.

"In Person Series ... Ethics in the Media:
Hard News, Hard Choices," round-table
discussion 7:30pm, Sac Community Cen-
ter Theater, benefit for KVIE; tickets 442-
7827, 923-BASS.

GLAS meeting, P-Flag members share
their experiences, 8:30pm, SCUS Social
Science Bldg., Rm. 236.

12th Annual Spring Lecture Series, Rich-
ard Notkin and the Yixing Tradition, Crocker
Art Museum; registration 449-
5423.

"Being Gay Today," 9pm, Cable Channel
63.

Friday 12

National Leather Association: Scream
Break, S.F., info 415-255-5963.

AIDS Awareness Week, UCD: "Future of
AIDS Pandemic," noon, 2120 J Wickson

Saturday 13

AIDS Awareness Week, UCD: Kaleido-
scope Theater Group, 7pm, Wyatt Pavil-
ion Theater.

GALLERY

Matrix Gallery - Sean Sprague, Richard
Ashby, Willy Scholten & Karen Graffeo,
thru April 12; 756-5724, 441-4818.

Matrix Members' Gallery - Debra Wil-
liams, multi-media Feminist Surrealism,
thru April 12; reception Sat., March 16
7pm; 756-5724, 441-4818.

Crocker Art Museum - "Connections"
Youth Art thru April 14; 449-5423.

Lite Rail Gallery - On The Wing's 1991
Rising Stars Exhibition - thru April 6.

Michael Himovitz Gallery - works by art-
ists Clayton Pinkerton and Stephanie
Skalsky thru April 20; 448-8723.

Crocker Art Museum - William Keith: Ci-
gar Box Paintings - thru April 28; 449-
5423.

Lite Rail Gallery - Elizabeth Palmer April 3-
30.

Shenandoah Gallery - "Spring Show"
April 5-May 22; 209-245-4455.

Crocker Art Museum - Strong Tea: Rich-
ard Notkin & The Yixing Tradition - April
5-May 19; 449-5423.

The Quilt Rack - The Art of Hmong Pan-
dau - April 6-12; reception & demon-
stration April 6 2-5pm; 451-6505.

Shenandoah Gallery - Works by artists
Brad Devereaux, Marilyn Johnson, Wal-
ter Kennedy, Greg Motch, Maura Noain,
& Katherine Venturelli, April 11-29; 209-
245-4455.

IDEA Gallery - "Reflections on Things at
Hand" April 20-May 25; reception April
20, 7-9pm; lecture April 25 6:30-7:30pm;
May 10 1-2pm; 452-0949.

Lite Rail Gallery - Matrix International '91
Exhibition April 24-May 24.

Crocker Art Museum - 66th Annual
Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition - April 26-
June 6; 449-5423.



"A Chorus Line" fights AIDS April 4 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

Vote for CGNIE Emperor & Empress,
Lambda Center, 20th & L, Sac.

Sunday 14

8th Annual Spring Collectors Faire, Old
Sac, 7am-4pm; 443-7815.

The Clark Chorale, "Rediscovered Treas-
ures," 5pm, 24th Street Theatre at Sierra 2
Center; 729-1096.

Monday 15

Women's Rap & Social, 7pm, Lambda
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Tuesday 16

"Being Gay Today," 10pm, Cable Channel
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Wednesday 17

Lambda Center Board of Directors
Meeting, public invited; 5:45pm, 441-
0185.

Thursday 18

GLAS, 8:30-10pm, CSUS Social Science
building, room 236; topic: "Bisexuality".
Jennifer 456-3469 or Brian 927-8661.

"Being Gay Today," 9pm, Cable Channel
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Friday 19

The Experience workshop, for info 481-
0105.

SACWN Women in Business Faire, Sierra
Inn, 2600 Auburn Blvd, 6:30-9:30pm,
486-8985.

California NOW State Conference 1991,
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Joyce Diamond & Friends in concert,
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THEATRE

Theatre Rhinoceros - Earl, Ollie, Austin
and Ralph - thru April 13; 415-861-5079.

Sacramento City College Actors Theatre -
The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 - thru
April 13; 449-7228.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre thru April 20 -
Crossing Delancey; 985-6361.

Music Circus - Nonsense - thru April 21;
446-5880.

Carmichael Civic Theatre - To Be - thru
May 4; 489-6880.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe - Benefit perform-
ance of "A Chorus Line" for Sac AIDS
Foundation - April 4, 10pm; 800-648-
3773.

Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse - The Nerd
- thru April 13; 927-0942.

Chautauqua Children's Theatre -
Goldilocks & the Three Bears - April 6-June
8; 489-7529.

Sacramento Theatre Co. - The Mystery of
Irma Vep - April 19-May 12; 443-6722.

Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse - Run for
Your Wife - April 19-June 29; 927-0942.

Music Circus - Auditions for "Music Man" -
April 6; 446-5880.

The Lambda Players - The Fantasticks -
April 12-May 4; 442-0185.

Sacramento Theatre Arts Department -
The Singular Life of Albert Knobs - April
18-28; 278-6604.

Chautauqua Playhouse - Nonsense or
Stepping Out - April 12-May 19; 489-
7529.

Sacramento Theatre Co. - The Mystery of
Irma Vep - April 23-May 12; 443-6722.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre - On Golden
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